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The Boston Forum for the White House Summit on Working Families  
Friday, May 19th 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
JFK Federal Building, 25 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA 02203

Leading up to the June 23, 2014 White House Summit on Working Families, the Department of Labor will host forums across the United States to identify initiatives that benefit America's working families, businesses and economy. These discussions will help inform the national Summit, which will build momentum around key policy goals and best practices to help both workers and businesses succeed.

The forums will convene businesses, academics, labor leaders, state and local elected officials, tribal leaders, advocates, media, and workers to discuss issues facing the entire spectrum of working families – from young people just starting their work lives, to low-wage workers, to corporate executives; from parents caring for children to adults caring for their aging parents. Addressing these issues isn't just the right thing to do for workers – it's critical to our future competitiveness in the global economy. Removing the barriers that keep our best talent from participating fully in our workforce is key to ensuring that all American businesses can compete in the 21st century.

The White House Summit on Working Families will explore how all sectors can work together on key issues including workplace flexibility and paid leave, equal pay, workplace diversity, career advancement, access to non-traditional and STEM jobs, worker retention and promotion, opportunities for low-wage workers, elder care, childcare, and early childhood education. And it will lift up promising and best practices of leading companies and develop solutions for bringing such practices to scale, across industries and for all types of workers.

Featuring:  
Betsey Stevenson, Member of the White House Council of Economic Advisors

Latifa Lyles, Director of the Women's Bureau

Jocelyn Frye, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

Register [here](#). More info [here](#).

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Vermont Women's Business Center's Business Wisdom Circle  
VWBC's home office at the Central Vermont Community Action campus: 20 Gable Place in Barre  
Tuesday, May 27, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Do you every wonder what you should charge for your product or service? Are you looking for that "magic formula" that will guarantee that you are charging the "right" price. Confused about how you can even decide? Pricing is not a one-formula-fits-all kind of thing. And, (sorry!) we haven't yet discovered a magic formula. But we do have access to the collective wisdom of your Sister Entrepreneurs who are playing with the same questions (and so do you!). Join Please join Vermont

Women's Business Center at our next Business Wisdom Circle, May 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 where we will ponder the pricing pickle. Cost: Just \$10.00! Light refreshments provided. The Business Wisdom Circle is a monthly women business owners peer-to-peer mentoring & networking event where women at any stage of business - just exploring, starting-up, on your way, or well-established - come together, in the tradition of women's circles everywhere, to share challenges, strategies, feedback, resources, support, and inspiration. This is a distinctly feminine way of doing business: collaborative, heart-centered, practical, and fun.

Register [here](#). More info [here](#) or 877-524-1998 or send an email to: [info@vwbc.org](mailto:info@vwbc.org).

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[EzPay4Kids](#), is a new convenient and secure way to pay child support online. Participants can make a payment to the Vermont Office of Child Support (OCS) using a credit or debit card - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) [new report, College Affordability for Low-Income Adults: Improving Returns on Investment for Families and Society](#) finds that more than 1 in 4 college students is raising a dependent child. The report also finds that women—who are 71 percent of all student parents—are disproportionately likely to be balancing college and parenthood.

IWPR also recently released [an analysis of the Gender Wage Gap by Occupation and by Race and Ethnicity](#) revealing that women earn less than men in almost all of the 112 occupations for which the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes weekly full-time earnings data for both women and men.

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Women Business Owners Network Spring Conference  
Thursday, May 15th 8:45am - 4pm  
Essex Resort and Spa

Keynote Speaker: Georgena Terry, Heart of Steel Bicycles

What will participants come away with?

- Is it best to market yourself or should the task go to an outsider?
- Where does branding fit into your marketing portfolio?
- The inviolability of your brand.
- The role of your customer as a marketer (think evangelist).
- The push-pull effect of marketing.
- Are advertising and marketing the same thing?

Featured Speaker: Amy Mattinat, Bulls Eye Marketing / How Marketing Got Me A Ride On the Goodyear Blimp. Amy will be sharing with you her secret sauce to running a successful business while traveling and playing more than working.

Breakout Speakers:

Social Media Mastery - staying focused in an ever-connected world. / Speaker: Lisa Wood, Sprout New Media

The Bento Box of Marketing / Speaker: Sara Daly, Waterfalls Day Spa

Niche Not Noise / Speaker: Sarah Spencer, Got Clicks

How To Use Creativity To Solve Business Problems / Speaker: Marianne Mullen, Awaken Creativity

More info and registration [here](#).

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Lamoille County - Financial Compensation for Victims of Crime  
Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services  
Friday, May 23, from 10am-12pm, Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, Hyde Park

**Training Description:** This training will define, compare and explain the application processes for the various financial assistance programs available to victims of crime through the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services. Topics will include the Sexual Assault Program, the Victims Compensation Program, and the Restitution Unit.

**Intended Audience:** This information is pertinent for anyone who has been a victim or survivor of crime, or those who might come in contact with victims of crime. Specific audience might include victim advocates, medical professionals, social workers, law enforcement officials, religious and community leaders, prosecutors, school staff and administrators, and many others.

Registration closes Monday, May 20 at 4:30pm. Register [here](#).

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**Webinar: When Should I Take Social Security?**  
Co-sponsored by the National Academy of Social Insurance, National Women's Law Center, National Urban League, and National Council of La Raza  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Retirement planning can be a daunting task. There's a lot of information out there — but where do you start? For most women, Social Security will be their major source of retirement income — and the only one that's guaranteed for life and adjusted for inflation. So knowing how you can make the most of your income from Social Security is important. The webinar will answer questions you, your family members, or your clients may have, including:

- When can I take Social Security retirement benefits?
- Does it make a difference if I wait?
- How would working longer affect my benefits?
- How would waiting to take benefits increase protection for widowed spouses?
- Why are these questions important to Hispanic Americans?
- What are important questions for African Americans to consider?
- Is there a risk in waiting? Will Social Security still be there?

**Featured speakers:**

- Virginia Reno, Vice President for Income Security Policy, National Academy of Social Insurance
  - Joan Entmacher, Vice President for Family Economic Security, National Women's Law Center
  - Leticia Miranda, Senior Policy Advisor, Economic Security Policy, National Council of La Raza
  - Kyle Williams, Legislative Director, Housing and Finance Policy, National Urban League
- Register today! This webinar is free, but participants must register in advance.

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H.O.P.E. Works in Burlington presents a free workshop series for intimate partners of sexual violence: If you are an intimate partner of a survivor of sexual violence and want to learn more about being supportive, please join us for a free three part workshop series: May 21, 28 & June 4, 6:00-7:30pm. For more information or to register, call 802-864-0555 ext. 19 or e-mail [sarah@hopeworksvt.org](mailto:sarah@hopeworksvt.org).

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Are you interested in helping end domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County? Connect with [Clarina Howard Nichols Center](#) to learn more about how you can help make this happen.

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Outright Vermont, Vermont's only queer youth organization, is hiring a part time Director of Events and Marketing <http://www.outrightvt.org/2014/05/outright-vermont-is-hiring/>

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Support Group for those caring for people with special needs  
Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Avenue, Swanton

Vermont Family Network of the Franklin/Grand Isle Counties is offering an support group for parents and caregivers of children, youth and adults with special needs. Everyone is welcome and free pizza will be served! RSVP required by 12 noon on 5/15/14 to: Laura Weber, Franklin/Grand Isle family Support Consultant at: [laura.weber@vtn.org](mailto:laura.weber@vtn.org)

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FREE cooking series for parents/caregivers  
NCSS Family Center, 130 Fisherpond Road, St. Albans

Coming up at the end of May and beginning of June: a FREE cooking series for parents/caregivers at the NCSS Family Center. It's right after the playgroup and at the same location - so join us for both! You'll make meals that you can take home and enjoy other great giveaways. Register with Margaret Maley @ 393-6591 or [Margaret.Maley@nscsinc.org](mailto:Margaret.Maley@nscsinc.org). This program is sponsored by VCW advisory council member, Building Bright Futures.

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Watch League of Women Voters Central Vermont's April 16<sup>th</sup> forum on public banking [here](#).

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Happy Mother's Day!

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