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The Invisible War: Impact Vermont
Thursday, August 15, at 8 p.m. on Vermont Public Television
www.vpt.org

View highlights of a discussion about military sexual assault held August 7th in Burlington. Panelists included: Rep. Helen Head (Chair, General, Housing and Military Affairs committee, Vermont House of Representatives); Lt. Angela Lakey (sexual assault response coordinator, Joint Force Headquarters, Vermont National Guard); Brigette McCoy (Army veteran, MST survivor and founder/CEO of Women Veterans Social Justice); Rebecca Robinson (military sexual trauma coordinator, White River Junction VA Medical Center). WCAX's Kristin Carlson moderated.

Following the discussion program, the full documentary "The Invisible War" airs on the series Independent Lens at 8:40 p.m.. This documentary investigates one of America's most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. The film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem -- today, a female soldier in combat zones is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. The Department of Defense estimates there were a staggering 22,800 violent sex crimes in the military in 2011. Among all active-duty female soldiers, 20 percent are sexually assaulted. Female soldiers aged 18 to 21 accounted for more than half of the victims.

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National Girls Collaborative Project Webinar
Increasing Equity and Diversity in the STEM Workforce: Issues and Strategies
Thursday, September 26th, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern

In this webinar, participants will gain a better understanding of the issues that impede efforts to diversify the STEM workforce and learn strategies that can promote equity, fairness, and diversity in their programs and professional interactions as role models. Dr. Kimberly Tanner, Director of the [Science Education Partnership and Assessment Laboratory \(SEPAL\)](#), will present findings from research on why talented individuals leave the biological sciences, as well as examples of successful efforts and problematic attempts towards diversifying the biological sciences. Kimberly Bryant, Founder of [BlackGirlsCode](#), will present information on the racial and socioeconomic digital divide and resources for computer science programs.

Register: <http://www.ngcproject.org/increasing-equity-and-diversity-stem-workforce-understanding-issues-and-strategies-addressing-it>

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Vermont Health Connect
www.healthconnect.vermont.gov

In 2010, the federal health care law was passed, giving states the opportunity to build a health insurance marketplace called an exchange. Vermont Health Connect is Vermont's exchange. Individuals, families and small businesses in Vermont will get their health coverage through Vermont Health Connect. This includes:

- [Vermonters](#) who do not have health insurance
- [Vermonters](#) who currently purchase insurance for themselves
- Vermonters who have [Medicaid](#) or [Dr. Dynasaur](#)
- Vermonters who currently have [Catamount](#) or [Vermont Health Access Program](#)
- Vermonters who are offered “[unaffordable](#)” coverage by their employers
- [Small businesses](#) with 50 or fewer employees, and in 2016, small businesses will include businesses with 100 or fewer employees.

Starting in 2014, many Vermonters will be eligible for tax credits and other forms of financial assistance to help pay for the cost of health care. The first open enrollment period will run from October 2013 to March 2014. For those who enroll by December 15, 2013, health coverage will start January 1, 2014. More info at: www.healthconnect.vermont.gov

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Pride Vermont 2013

Parade – south end of Church St to Battery Park

Festival – Battery Park, post-parade!

Sunday, September 15th 12-5pm

The Pride Parade is a beloved institution here in Vermont and throughout the world. It began as an anniversary celebration of the [Stonewall Riots](#) but has evolved over time to encompass the many LGBT heroes, struggles, and victories since. Pride Parades are held at different times in different places. Vermont's will occur on Sunday, September 15th at noon. It begins at the south end of Church St. and ends at Battery Park where the festival is held! The Pride Festival is one big party. Its tone has evolved over the years, and today the festival is a place for the entire community – LGBT and ally – all ages, races, and backgrounds. Tents are set up for children, youth, activities (including an ecumenical religious service), and for vendors. Food is available, as well as entertainment, games, and the best people-watching in Burlington.

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Women Can Do 2013 - 15th Annual Conference for Girls

Thursday, October 17th

Vermont Technical College, Randolph

<http://vtworksforwomen.org/womencando>

Started in 1999 as an outgrowth of a regional conference for tradeswomen, Women Can Do now serves more than 400 students and teachers from over 60 schools each year. Its goals are twofold: to expose all girls to the unlimited career possibilities available to them through trades and technology and to support girls who are enrolled in nontraditional programs in technical and career centers.

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4th Annual Courage in Bloom Garden Ceremony

Friday, August 23rd, 11:30am-1:30pm

The Courage in Bloom Garden, located between 10-12 Baldwin Street in Montpelier

The Courage in Bloom Garden was created by families of survivors, crime victims, donors, community members, and victim service professionals. Once a year we come together as a community to support those impacted by crime. More information about this event:

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50368/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=72840

More info about the garden: <http://www.ccvv.state.vt.us/memorial-garden>

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Monday, Aug. 5, marked the 20-year anniversary of the "effective date" of the Family and Medical Leave Act. As a result, many people had the liberty, security and legal right to take time off the job to care for a family member without risking their job. Back then, 24 percent of workers in private industry had unpaid family leave options; today, that number has risen to 85 percent. In the year and a half following Aug. 5, 1993, an estimated 1.5 million to 3 million Americans took FMLA-covered leave. Twenty years later, FMLA leave has been used nearly 100 million times. Opposition to the law at the time was rooted in the fear that it would place an undue burden on employers. Ample evidence now shows that this has not been the case. [Learn About the FMLA](#) Learn more about family leave, equal pay and flexible workplace issues at the Vermont Commission on Women's site

<http://women.vermont.gov/>

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Circle of Health International's Sera Bonds

August 15th at 7:30pm at [Jewish Community of Greater Stowe](#)

Sera Bonds, founder and Executive Director of [Circle of Health International](#) (COHI) is coming to Stowe to speak about the important work of her organization. COHI is an NGO that supports women and children health programs in crisis settings. Among their programs is a co-existence project promoting peace through health with Palestinian and Israeli midwives. Come hear Sera speak about the work of COHI, the impact of war on women, and making peace through health. Refreshments following. More information: 802-253-1800 or info@jcogs.org

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Senator Leahy's 17th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference

Saturday October 19th at the Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

Always fabulous and free (with free on-site day care), this day-long conference draws hundreds of Vermonters for workshops and discussion groups that provide important tools to support women at all stages of professional and personal development. With nearly two dozen workshops on the day's agenda, this year's offerings will appeal to a wide range of interests, with a particular focus on developing critical social media skills. The keynote speaker is Patty Stonesifer, the founding CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and President and CEO of Martha's Table, a nonprofit organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in the Nation's Capital. Her down-to-earth nature and compelling life story are sure to engage and enthrall her audience, just as our keynote speakers have done in the past. In the interest of making the conference accessible to all, there is no

charge for registration or for pre-arranged child care. Mark your calendars: more details and registration will follow – stay tuned to VIEW.

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National Health Center Week: August 11-17, 2013
Transforming Health Care in Our Local Communities

National Health Center Week is an annual celebration of America's Community Health Centers and a time to raise awareness of their shared mission to provide high quality primary and preventive health care that is truly accessible to all - regardless of insurance coverage or income. As the trusted provider of choice for individuals and families, Nonprofit Community Health Centers provide access to medical, dental, behavioral, and pharmacy services to over 300,000 people in Vermont and New Hampshire. Find a center in Vermont at: <http://www.bistatepca.org/bi-state-members-vt>

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Seeking Risk Reduction Coordinator (RRC) for the women's program at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility

The Vermont Department of Corrections (VTDOC) is seeking proposals to provide oversight and structure to programming for women at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility in South Burlington, as well as at two other male prisons and four regional field sites.

The RRC will be responsible for ensuring that services are delivered as designed, delivered on time and delivered with fidelity to the model currently being developed and transitioned by VTDOC. The RRC will collaborate with VTDOC staff in Central Office as well as local site staff. Candidates must possess administrative, managerial and clinical skills. The RRC will work at the programming sites to ensure that offender care plans reflect the needs that their risk assessments and ancillary assessments indicate require intervention. This position will work with VTDOC staff to ensure efficient programming admission and discharge process.

The following is a list of the qualifications necessary for candidates:

- 1) the RRC will have a minimum of two years of supervisory experience and preferably specific training pertinent to supervision strategies
- 2) must be able to articulate what current correctional literature defines as evidenced based practices
- 3) experience facilitating cognitive behavioral and/or substance abuse curriculum
- 4) willingness to work alternative schedules including some nights and weekends
- 5) a master's degree in a helping profession

Contract Range: \$50,000-\$60,000. Deadline for proposals to be received is August 23, 3 p.m. More info: <http://doc.vermont.gov/news-info/whats-new/rfp-risk-reduction-coordinators> and questions to Jill Evans, Women & Family Services Coordinator, VT Department of Corrections, cell: 802-777-8834 / office: 802-951-5063 / Jill.Evans@state.vt.us

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