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Got a question? Need help? The Vermont Commission on Women offers Vermonters:

[The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont handbook](#) covering marriage and divorce, adoption, wills and probate, women's health, employment and education, housing and public accommodations, violence, public assistance and government benefits, insurance, and much more

[Newly Updated 200+ Page Resource Directory](#) of local, state and national organizations

[Publications](#) on frequently asked about topics like family leave or sexual harassment

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[Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#)

Every other year, since 1993, the Vermont Department of Health's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs and the Vermont Department of Education's Student Health and Learning Team sponsor the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). The YRBS measures the prevalence of behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disease, and injury among youth. The survey is part of a larger effort to help communities increase the "resiliency" of young people by reducing high risk behaviors and promoting healthy behaviors. The statewide report is based on student responses from almost every high school and middle school in the state, and is weighted to reflect all public school students in six through twelfth grades.

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Resources from Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

[Working Women](#) - The Women's Bureau has compiled a new central, comprehensive and searchable repository of Department of Labor resources, tools, and publications of interest to women. Whether you're looking for a job, leaving one, or want to know about your rights at your current job, this new portal can point you to the Department of Labor resource that can best help you.

[Employment Protections For Pregnant Or Nursing Workers](#) - This new page provides information about federal and state employment laws that afford workplace protections and employment rights for workers who are pregnant or nursing, which includes a clickable map to each state's statutory information.

[New Data & Statistics](#) - The Women's Bureau updated their data & statistics page to include the latest annual numbers, trend data, and information about wages and

nontraditional occupations for women. Keep checking back for more updates, including a new section on mothers and families!

[New Research](#) (PDF, 7154 KB) - In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the American Women: Report of the President's Commission on the Status of Women, the Women's Bureau commissioned a series of papers to examine the progress that has been made on the status of working women and to highlight the work that remains to be done.

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VNA's 2014 Vermont Fatherhood Conference

Thursday September 25, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
State House in Montpelier

This conference is presented by The Vermont Fatherhood initiative, a group of volunteers inspired by the cause of nurturing the responsible involvement of fathers with their children and their families. Register or learn more [here](#).

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Registration Now Open: 18th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference

Saturday, September 20th at Vermont Technical College in Randolph

Registration is now open for Vermont's 18th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference, presented by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. The day's events will bring together hundreds of Vermont women exploring new careers, forging professional contacts, discovering financial resources and getting more from social media. With 30 workshops to choose from, there will be a wide range of offerings for many skill levels. This year's conference features a new Coaching Café, where more than a dozen skilled coaches will hold one-on-one sessions for conference-goers looking to turn their ideas into action. Donna Carpenter, President of Burton Snowboards, will be this year's keynote speaker. She will discuss her style of professional leadership, her approach to balancing life's demands, and her commitment to hiring, retaining and promoting women in a male-dominated industry. In the interest of making this conference accessible to all, there is no charge for registration, lunch, or pre-arranged child care. Register (deadline is Sept. 10th) and learn more [here](#).

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Vermonters, including Cary Brown, VCW's Executive Director, joined 100 others when work/family issues were elevated to the national stage on June 23rd at the [White House Summit on Working Families](#). Watch footage from breakout sessions on these topics to learn more:

[Family Matters](#)

[Hourly Workers](#)

[Talent Attraction & Retention](#)

[Structure of the Workplace](#)
[Caregiving](#)
[Business Case](#)
[STEM and Nontraditional Jobs](#)
[Young Women Leaders](#)
[Compensation](#)
[Career Ladders and Leadership](#)

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[The League of Women Voters Vermont Now on Twitter](#)

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Vermont Women's Business Center presents: So You Want to Start a Business? First Steps to Get You Going

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

O'Brien Community Center, Winooski

Register or learn more [here](#).

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New England Women's Policy Conference: The Unfinished Agenda

Friday, November 7th, 10 AM-5 PM

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, Mass

The Vermont Commission on Women joins with UMass/Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, five other New England-based women's commissions and our region's Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to convene "The Unfinished Agenda: New England Women's Policy Conference".

Honorary Host Committee Co-chairs will be Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), reflecting the conference's emphasis on bipartisan approaches.

The conference theme, "Economic Security for All Women and Their Families," will provide a platform for analyzing the impact of the recent recession and the widening inequality in wages and wealth. Participants will build bridges and forge solutions to enhance women's economic security through the public policy process and in partnership with the private sector.

The conference expects to bring together more than 350 leaders—women and men—from diverse communities in the six New England states, including elected officials, heads of nonprofits, business executives, and members of state women's commissions. These leaders will return to their states and work with local stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to enact change.

Stay tuned to VIEW for more details.

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Join the Pride Center of Vermont (formerly RU12? Community Center) for a series of [Family Town Halls](#) for LGBTQA families and families-to-be. Come to share your experiences, gain insight from professionals and other queer families, and build community in a supportive space. There will be individuals sharing stories about being trans or gender-non-conforming parents and about having trans or gender-non-conforming children. There will be plenty of time for discussions, questions, advice and making connections. All ages are welcome. Children are encouraged to be present and there will be childcare for very young children. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, call the center at 802-860-7812 or email jean@ru12.org

The dates and topics for the whole series are as follows:

Tuesday, 8/26 Starting (or Growing) Your Family

Tuesday, 9/9 LGBTQ Families Navigating Systems

Tuesday 9/23 Trans* or Gender Fluid Families: Negotiating Relation

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Domestic Violence Specialist for AHS Department for Children and Families (DCF)

DCF is recruiting for a full time, permanent state position - Domestic Violence Specialist. This position will be based in the Rutland District and will also consult with 2 other southern district offices. This position will be supervised from Central office and will be part of our statewide Domestic and Sexual Violence Unit. Learn more [here](#). Questions about the position can be directed [here](#).

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Women interested in manufacturing and commercial trucking careers in Rutland

Vermont Works for Women and Rutland area's [Stafford Technical Center](#) are partnering together to offer adult education programs in manufacturing and commercial truck driving. In addition to classroom instruction, Vermont Works for Women will offer networking opportunities, exposure to female role models within the industries, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, communication techniques, hidden norms of male-dominated industries and job-seeking support to women enrolled in these programs. Successful graduates of the program receive post-program employment support for up to a year. An orientation will take place Saturday, September 6th at Stafford Technical Center's Dollhouse Restaurant. 9 AM – 12:30 PM for those interested in manufacturing, and 1 – 4 PM for those interested in Commercial Drivers License program. For more info or to register, contact [Jenny Beaudin](#) at Vermont Works for Women / (802) 622-0400 x150.

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8th Annual Laura's March: a 5k Walk/Run to End Sexual Violence
Saturday, September 13th in Burlington's Oakledge Park

Registration or more info [here](#).

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[Prevent Child Abuse Vermont's](#) Trainings

Trainings are available in the Healthy Relationships Project, the [Care for Kids Program](#) (PK-2) and the [SAFE-T Program](#) (7-8) in September and November. [Learn more here](#) or call 800-975-7147

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Vermont Commission on Women's (VCW) Panel Discussion: Successful Reentry for Women in Corrections

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

St. Albans City Hall, Council Chambers

VCW presents this panel discussion, "Successful Reentry" with a focus on employment, educational opportunities, risk reduction, anti-recidivism programs, health care, and support for building better and stronger relationships with family, children and the community as a whole. The Commission will share the findings from this forum with the legislature, policy makers, and various state and community organizations with the goal of creating a correctional system that is more responsive to the unique needs of the women. Questions? Contact [us](#).

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