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North Woods Stewardship Center Workshop: Women Owning Woodlands

Saturday, May 30th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

North Woods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Drive (off the Ten Mile Square Road), East Charleston

If you own forested land and want to learn how to sustainably manage it, this workshop is for you! Join other women, landowners and forestry professionals for a discussion of basic ecological forestry principles, options for long-term planning, and the resources available to you as a landowner. Program will include a short walk in the woods. Lunch provided. Cost: \$30. More info [here](#) or by calling 802.723.6551.

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Next weekend, May 23 and 24, is [Vermont Spring Open Studio Weekend](#) - plan a visit to artisans and crafts people!

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Vermont Works for Women's Camps for Girls: Dirt Divas and Rosie's Girls

Dirt Divas summer camps: cultivate courage, confidence & leadership

A one-week camp for middle school girls. Learn mountain bike skills and bicycle mechanics. Participate in art, games, swimming and self-defense - all in a supportive, girl-centered environment. In seven locations across Vermont, Morrisville - Hardwick - Glover - St. Johnsbury - Montpelier - Burlington June-Aug. Learn more or register [here](#).

Rosie's Girls Summer programs®

These 3-week summer day camps in Essex, Barre, Rutland and Randolph build strong, powerful, confident girls through hands-on exploration of STEM activities and the skilled trades. Rosie's Girls creates a safe, supportive, girl-centered environment and emphasizes leadership, teamwork and healthy body image - with tons of fun woven in! A place where girls can get their hands dirty, take positive risks and try something new. Learn more or register [here](#).

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Annual Membership Meeting of Vermont Early Childhood Alliance

Tuesday, June 9th 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Join advocates around Vermont at the Three Stallion Inn in Randolph to reflect on the Alliance's accomplishments in the current year and to look at our work together in the year ahead. Members and strategic partners of the Alliance will also elect our Steering Committee and network during a social hour. Learn more or RSVP [here](#).

Vermont Ranks Well Nationally for Pre-Kindergarten Programs

The National Institute for Early Education Research has just released their [2014 State Preschool Yearbook](#), an annual report profiling state-funded prekindergarten programs in the United States. Vermont ranks well nationally for access, placing second, and less well for funding and quality.

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Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council Presents: parenting expert and Duct Tape Parenting author Vicki Hoefle

Tuesday June 9th, 6-8 pm

Berlin Elementary School Library, 372 Paine Turnpike N Berlin, VT 05602

In this FREE two-hour talk, Vicki will draw from her twenty-five years of experience to help provide parents and providers with new strategies to help build a strong foundation for children's success. Dinner and child care will be available to all participants (please sign up ahead for child care slots) and the first 40 people to register will receive a FREE copy of one of Vicki's books; [Duct Tape Parenting](#) or her brand new book [Straight Talk on Parenting: How to Grow a Grown-Up](#). Click [here](#) to register or [email here](#) for more information.

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Prevention & Intervention Strategies in Response to Human Trafficking from an Advocacy and Public Service Perspective

Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services

Wednesday, June 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Workshop, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

Jay Peak Resort, Jay VT

Participants will gain a better understanding of the multidisciplinary approach required for adequate prevention, identification, and intervention response for victims that are trafficked. We will hear from a survivor about her experiences in "the life" and how services providers can best serve victims of human sex trafficking. Specifically, participants will be provided with the potential signs and symptoms, a profile of victim and a perpetrator, risk factors, the impact of trauma, interview needs, and treatment recommendations. By the end of the presentation, participants will better understand how in Vermont we may be able to identify victims, what systems victims may interact with, and what individuals and organizations may be able to prevent or intervene toward reducing future negative impacts. More info [here](#).

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Vermont Employers: Support the Equal Pay Compact

Launched recently by VCW in partnership with the Governor's office, the Vermont Equal Pay Compact is a voluntary pledge indicating commitment to closing the wage gap in our state. By signing onto the Compact, employers agree to implement tangible action steps that improving gender equity in their workplace. Join the growing list of employers who have signed on to the Vermont Equal Pay Compact: visit [VCW's website](#), learn more and sign up today!

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[The Vermont Women's Fund Announces Nearly \\$98,000 in Grants](#)

VCW Advisory Council member, the Vermont Women's Fund, a component fund of the Vermont Community Foundation, awarded \$97,700 through its competitive grant round this spring to 12 organizations working to improve the lives of young women and girls in Vermont. The grants support programs across the state that provide young Vermont women ages 15-25 with positive relationships and role models; development of self-advocacy skills; and opportunities to learn life-skills, job-readiness, and traditional and non-traditional education and vocation. More [here](#).

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University of Vermont Health Network – Central Vermont Medical Center (Berlin) Receives Breastfeeding Support Award

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) and the International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) recently notified the Center for Breastfeeding that they have received the IBCLC Care Award, a global recognition program. "For the excellence demonstrated in staffing International Board Certified Lactation Consultants as part of the maternal-child health care team and for conducting breastfeeding activities, promotion, protection and support of breastfeeding." The University of Vermont Health Network – Central Vermont Medical Center is the only medical center in Vermont and all of Northern New England to have achieved this honor. The Breastfeeding Center, located in UVMHN-

CVMC's Women and Children's Unit helps new moms establish and enjoy their breastfeeding experience. For more information call 802-371-4415.

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[Great Ladies of Vermont, Vermont Women's History Project Slide-Show](#)

Wednesday, June 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

South Burlington Community Library, 540 Dorset Street

Test your knowledge of notable Vermont women, learn something new, AND enjoy a slice of pie at this slide show with Amanda Gustin of the Vermont Women's History Project! More info [here](#) or at (802) 652-7080.

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A Movement Maker: Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence's Executive Director, Karen Tronsgard-Scott

Network Executive Director Karen Tronsgard-Scott was just selected to be one of 20 new social change Movement Makers in the [Move to End Violence](#), a 10-year program of the NoVo Foundation. Karen was chosen for her vision, leadership, commitment to social change, and belief that together we can end violence against girls and women. Learn more about the Movement [here](#), and more about the Network (a VCW Advisory member) [here](#).

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Save the Date Notice: Saturday, September 19th

Senator Leahy's 19th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference (WEOC)

Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

Every year this free conference draws hundreds of women from throughout Vermont to take part in a full day of workshops and to hear inspiring speakers share stories of challenge and success. In the interest of making the conference accessible to all, there is no charge for registration, lunch or pre-arranged child care. More details will soon follow, including announcement of the keynote speaker and registration link. For now, hold that fall Saturday aside and visit the Senator's [website](#) to see offerings from last year's conference and to learn more about the WEOC tradition.

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[CLASP's Access to Preventive Health Care and Paid Leave Brief](#)

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) an increasing number of Americans, especially low-income earners, now have access to health care. According to most recent data from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), 16.4 million Americans who were previously uninsured have gained coverage since the ACA took effect. Besides expanding health care access, one particularly welcome aspect of this health care reform law is that

it covers 100 percent of preventive care for women's health. This means that women who seek a wide variety of preventive services, ranging from mammograms and well-woman visits to contraception, can get them without any out-of-pocket expenses. Despite this important legal step forward in access to preventive care, too many women do not have the time they need to actually get these services. With our country's labor standards seriously lagging behind those in much of the rest of the world, an inordinate number of Americans cannot take time away from work to reap the benefits of this reform. Today, more than 40 million workers in the U.S. (39 percent) are without access to paid sick days and nearly 95 million workers (87 percent) have no paid family leave. Among low-wage workers earning \$15,000 or less per year, 80 percent do not have paid sick days. Similarly, 80 percent of part-time workers working fewer than 20 hours per week do not have paid sick days. Learn more about the importance of paid leave to for access to preventive health care by reading the Center for Law and Social Policy's recent [brief](#).

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