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The Vermont Commission on Women turns 50 next year. We're planning celebrations around the state, stay tuned to VIEW for details!

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Women's Small Business Program, Mercy Connections  
Burlington  
Start Up Classes  
January 30 at 5:30

Online Entrepreneur Coaching  
2 sessions per evening on the 2nd Wednesday of the month:  
Session 1: 6-7:30PM  
Session 2: 8-9:30PM

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U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration recently announced that [Gifford Health Care](#), [Mountain Health Center](#), and [Battenkill Valley Health Center](#) have been awarded New Access Point funding and designated as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Additionally [Indian Stream Health Center](#), already an FQHC, has been awarded a grant to establish a satellite Community Health Center in Essex County, Vermont. This Affordable Care Act funding will increase access to affordable medical, dental and behavioral care, and lower-cost pharmacy services for people living in underserved rural communities. These three new FQHCs join 8 established FQHCs in Vermont and together they provide primary care to 163,000 people.

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Four Vermont Regional CTE Centers Selected as Pilot Sites for "STEM Equity Pipeline." The purpose of the project is to develop strategies to increase female student participation and completion in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) related programs offered in the regional career technical education centers through root cause analysis, action planning and professional development. VCW's Executive Director, Cary Brown is a member of the project's Leadership Team. More at [Vermont selected to participate in STEM Equity Pipeline - VTDigger](#)

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The Vermont Women's Fund, a component fund at the Vermont Community Foundation, announced recently that Meg Smith has been hired as their new director. The Vermont Women's Fund harnesses the collective power of giving to promote leadership, equality, and economic independence for Vermont women and girls. Visit [www.vermontcf.org](http://www.vermontcf.org) for more information.

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VT Center for Crime Victim Services  
The Women's Freedom Center and WISE of the Upper Valley  
Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocacy in Windsor County

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services is pleased to announce that the Women's Freedom Center of Windham County has been awarded grant funding to collaborate with WISE of the Upper Valley to provide domestic and sexual violence advocacy in Southern Windsor County beginning January 1st, 2014.

WISE of the Upper Valley currently serves towns in Northern Windsor County, southeastern Orange County, and NH. For over a year, WISE has also been serving Southern Windsor County on a temporary basis, following the sudden closure of New Beginnings in August of 2012. Beginning January 1st, WISE will be the permanent provider for domestic and sexual violence advocacy in the Windsor County towns of Reading, West Windsor, Windsor and Weathersfield.

The Women's Freedom Center currently serves Windham County. Beginning January 1st, the Women's Freedom Center will be the permanent provider for domestic and sexual violence advocacy in the Southern Windsor County towns of Plymouth, Cavendish, Ludlow, Weston, Andover, Chester and Springfield.

The Women's Freedom Center and WISE of the Upper Valley are strong organizations that are well-respected in their communities. They bring many years of experience, substantial expertise, and a commitment to meeting the needs of survivors in Southern Windsor County communities.

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Vermont Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-228-7395  
Vermont Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-495-7273

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Shelter Advocacy Coordinator  
Laurie's House, St. Albans

This position is responsible for coordinating services, programs and overseeing shelter functions pertaining to Laurie's House, a shelter for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children in St. Albans. Duties include survivor defined and systems advocacy, community outreach, volunteer coordination and program planning. Send cover letter and resume to [vavjob@cvoeo.org](mailto:vavjob@cvoeo.org). Position open until filled.

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2 New Reports from the [Institute for Women's Policy Research](#)

[Accelerating Change for Women Faculty of Color in STEM: Policy, Action, and Collaboration](#)

Women of color make up only 5.7 percent of faculty at four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. though they make up 15 percent of the working age population. Underrepresented minority women

(blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and those who identify as more than one race) are just 2.1 percent of the STEM professoriate but are 13 percent of the U.S. working age population. This report: Highlights multiple factors, including workplace climate issues, that contribute to slow progress for women faculty of color in STEM; Discusses the critical impact of work-life balance issues on the careers of women faculty of color in STEM; Summarizes recommendations for advocates, funders, and institutions to improve the status of women faculty of color in STEM.

[Number of Women's Jobs on Payrolls Reaches Highest Level Ever; More Than 200,000 New Jobs in October 2013 for Men and Women](#)

IWPR's [analysis](#) of the November employment report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), women have surpassed their prior employment peak reached in March 2008. Whereas women have regained all the jobs they lost in the recession, men have so far regained only 73 percent of the jobs they lost.

For more information on IWPR reports call (202) 785-5100, e-mail at [iwpr@iwpr.org](mailto:iwpr@iwpr.org), or visit [www.iwpr.org](http://www.iwpr.org)

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Diamonds for Children, A holiday party to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAV)  
Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Argento Laraine Fine Jewelry  
135 Talcott Road, Williston, Vermont - located right next to the Vermont Respite House

\$50 for a single person, \$95 for a couple. 100% of ticket sales and 10% of all jewelry sales will go to PCAV programs helping children and families at risk. Please RSVP by calling 800-CHILDREN or 802-229-5724. More info: [www.pcavt.org](http://www.pcavt.org)

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Natural Beginnings gatherings  
Middlebury's Ilsley Library  
11-1 pm in the downstairs community room

December 17th - Infant Massage  
January 21st - Pumping and Returning to Work / School  
February 18th - Making Your Own Baby Food  
March 18th - Common Breastfeeding Problems  
April 15th - Basics of Breastfeeding  
May 20th - Overcoming Breastfeeding Challenges  
June 17th - Infant Massage  
July 15th - Pumping and Returning to Work / School

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Vermont Women's Business Center's Business Wisdom Circle  
Tuesday November 26, 2013 from 4:30 PM to 6:30  
Central VT Community Action Campus 20 Gable Place, Barre

T 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. Next Tuesday's circle will focus on the

holidays, and will consider what will help businesswomen slide through into the New Year with bells a-jingling. Cost: Just \$10.00! Light refreshments provided. [info@vwbc.org](mailto:info@vwbc.org) / 802.479.9813 / [www.vwbc.org](http://www.vwbc.org) / facebook: VtWBC

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