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**Chutes and Ladders on the State House Lawn**  
**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 10-Noon**

The Vermont Early Childhood Alliance, Mama Says, Building Bright Futures, and MomsRising.org are bringing parents, children, caregivers, and legislators together to play a life-size version of Chutes & Ladders on Saturday, October 5th from 10am-noon on the State House lawn in order to highlight the many ways high quality child care and preschool moves children and our economy forward. To help visualize the critical importance of early learning, the national organization MomsRising is working with local organizations across the country to host similar events, delivering a common message that giving kids a good start in life is not a game! The board features statistics illustrating the importance of high-quality, affordable early learning programs. The Ladders in the game show statistics on how quality early learning and preschool helps kids successfully move forward in life. The Chutes demonstrate how children fall behind if they lack proper support before kindergarten. Madeleine Kunin, former Vermont Governor and author of The New Feminist Agenda, will speak at 10:30 am about the importance of quality early experiences and what we can do to ensure all of Vermont's children get what they need for healthy development. Organizations (including the Vermont Commission on Women) will provide information on family resources and services. Snacks, live music, and kids' activities will be available on the sidelines. More info:

<http://www.vermontearlychildhoodalliance.org/early-childhood-gameboard-event.html>

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**Dartmouth-Hitchcock Women's Health Resource Center**

[www.d-h.org/dept/whrc](http://www.d-h.org/dept/whrc)

Lebanon, NH

(603) 650-2600

Since 1991, the Women's Health Resource Center has assisted women seeking information and education about their health and the health of their loved ones. The center's resources include a [lending library](#), and an on-site [boutique](#), and lots of classes - plenty of parenting, birthing and breastfeeding classes, but also many offerings like "Skin Care: What Is Hot and What Is Not," "What Every Woman Should know about Financial Health," as well as classes in Reiki, First Aid and Safety and Healing arts. Learn more: [http://patients.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/womens\\_resource\\_ctr/all\\_whrc\\_classes.html](http://patients.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/womens_resource_ctr/all_whrc_classes.html)

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Now is the time to register for the 17th Annual Vermont Women's Economic Opportunity Conference, Saturday, October 19th at Vermont Technical College in Randolph. Great keynote speaker, enriching workshops and free lunch and childcare – more here: [www.leahy.senate.gov](http://www.leahy.senate.gov)

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## Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services Seeking Financial Manager

The Center for Crime Victim Services is seeking an experienced Financial Manager. Responsibilities include budget development and management, financial reporting, creating and maintaining financial systems and internal controls. Also responsible for the financial management and monitoring of numerous federal grants. Experience with the state's Vantage budget system and VISION accounting system desirable. Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or financial management and five years of relevant financial and grants management experience required. For a full job description, position requirements, and application instructions, please visit: [www.ccvvs.state.vt.us/jobs](http://www.ccvvs.state.vt.us/jobs). Position is not a state employee. EOE. Application deadline: September 30, 2013. Send resume and cover letter to: [melinda.meyer@ccvs.state.vt.us](mailto:melinda.meyer@ccvs.state.vt.us)

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## Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform

Room 10 at the State House, 10-12 a.m., Thurs., Sept. 26th

Would you like to see fewer state resources spent on prisons and more on education and job training to keep people out of prison in the first place? Do you care about ending the failed War on Drugs, our use of private prisons, or racial and gender disparities in sentencing? A new Burlington-based non-profit, Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform (VCJR), is holding a public meeting in Room 10 at the State House, 10-12 a.m., Thurs., Sept. 26, for anyone interested in these issues. VCJR's goal is to increase citizen involvement in ending mass incarceration, by creating a statewide, grassroots network of people who can take action as issues arise. For more information: [www.vermontersforcriminaljusticereform.org](http://www.vermontersforcriminaljusticereform.org). If you can't make the meeting but are interested, you can sign up for the "Restore Our Communities" campaign directly at <http://nationinside.org/campaign/vermont/>

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## Vermont Student Leaders Sought for Youth Congress

Do you have a group of middle or high school student leaders (grades 7-12) in your school or organization who are actively working to prevent and respond to bullying, stereotyping, harassment, cyber bullying, and bias?

We are looking for groups of student leaders to present workshops at the upcoming November 7, 2013 Youth Congress in Montpelier. This 2nd Vermont Youth Congress is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Education. It will be held from 9:00 am-3:00 pm (with registration and breakfast from 7:30-9:00 am) at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Montpelier. Breakout sessions will also be at the Vermont Statehouse and the Vermont Historical Society. Ernie Green of the Little Rock Nine will deliver the keynote presentation. The attached one-page overview provides additional information about Vermont Youth Congress.

Student-lead workshops will be 1.5 hours each and will fall under 2 headings: The morning sessions are entitled "Imagine a School without Hate" and will explore what bullying, stereotyping, harassment, and cyber-bullying look like in Vermont schools and ways in which schools would be different if these behaviors were prevented.

The afternoon sessions are entitled, "Becoming an Ally" and will explore what Vermont students and educators are already doing to create respectful schools where everyone feels welcome and included, and what additional steps students and educators can take.

Middle and high school student leaders and their adult advisers are welcome to submit proposals for one or both sessions. Each proposed session should be designed for at least 2 and as many as 4 students to co-facilitate.

Please fill out the attached request for proposal sheet and return it to [adlyouthcongressvermont@adl.org](mailto:adlyouthcongressvermont@adl.org) by September 30, 2013 (please excuse the tight time frame). Questions? Call Kathy Johnson in Vermont at (802) 59-59-59-6, [vermontequity@gmail.com](mailto:vermontequity@gmail.com) or Penny Hurwitz at the Anti-Defamation League office (617) 406-6350.

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Learn more about [The Promise Campaign: Affordable, Quality Early Care and Education for Vermont's Children](#).

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Safeline, Inc.'s Community Forums  
Chelsea School Gym  
Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and Tuesday, October 22

Safeline will be holding a Community Forum about domestic violence at the Chelsea School Gym on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Karen Tronsgard-Scott, the Executive Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, will be the moderator. Opening remarks will be by Carolyn Hanson from the State Attorney General's Office. A panel of 5 speakers will address questions: Sheriff William Bohnyak; Ellie Breitmaier from the Department for Children and Families Domestic Violence Unit; Rev. Michael Caldwell from the Corinth Congregational Church; Wynona Ward from Have Justice-Will Travel; and Judy Szeg Safeline's Educator. Another Community Forum will take place, also at Chelsea School, on Tuesday, October 22. For more information, contact Safeline 1-800-639-7233, 1-800-NEWSAFE

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"Are You Ready?" a live forum about Vermont Health Connect  
Channel 17 - 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT  
or stream it at ORCA Media or at [http://www.cctv.org/live\\_events](http://www.cctv.org/live_events) or <http://www.7dvt.com/>

Vermont Health Connect, Vermont's Health Insurance Exchange, opens October 1, 2013. Vermonters will have a new way to enroll in health coverage as required by the Affordable Care Act. Ask your questions at a live forum on Thursday, October 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Channel 17 Studio. Vermont Health Connect "navigators" from the Community Health Centers of Burlington, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, and Vermont Campaign for Health Care Security Education Fund will be on hand to answer your questions.

If you cannot make it in person, please follow along on Channel 17, or stream it live on the web [http://www.cctv.org/live\\_events](http://www.cctv.org/live_events) or <http://www.7dvt.com/>. The call-in number for the program is 802-862-3966. Channel 17 is at 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT, and the studio is on the

second floor. ORCA public access TV in central Vermont will also stream this program live.

The event is presented by the League of Women Voters in cooperation with Community Health Centers of Burlington, Planned Parenthood, and Vermont Campaign for Health Care Security Education Fund. Media Sponsorship is provided by Seven Days and Channel 17/Town Meeting TV.

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More info on Vermont Health Connect, the new health benefit exchange:

[Website](#)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Twitter](#)

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Vermont Commission on Women (VCW)  
VIEW – Vermont Information Exchange for Women  
126 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05633-6801  
800-881-1561 / [women.vermont.gov](http://women.vermont.gov) / [Find us on Facebook](#)

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