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**Register now: 18th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to 4 PM at Vermont Technical College in Randolph**

Registration is now open for this free and fabulous statewide women's conference presented by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. Keynote speaker Donna Carpenter, President of Burton Snowboards, 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. Morning and afternoon workshops feature everything from personal financial management to social media planning for your business to transforming peer aggression in girls. New feature this year is the Coaching Café, where more than a dozen skilled coaches will hold one-on-one sessions for conference-goers looking to turn their personal or professional ideas into action. As always, this event is FREE – including lunch and pre-arranged child care. Registration deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>. [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**

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned to VIEW for registration information for this fantastic regional conference for women leaders in New England. "The Unfinished Agenda" refers to the goals yet unaccomplished in the now 50 year old report by the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women submitted to then President John. F. Kennedy. Women are still fighting for many of the same issues identified in the report, from equal pay for equal work, to paid family leave. Participants in this power packed day will build bridges and forge solutions to enhance women's economic security through the public policy process and in partnership with the private sector. These leaders will return to their states and work with local stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to enact change. Save the Date flyer [here](#). Venue Directions and Parking info [here](#).

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**2014 Vermont Breastfeeding Symposium: The Business Case for Breastfeeding**

**Wednesday, September 17th, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Location: Capitol Plaza, 100 State Street, Montpelier**

**Cathy Carothers will present The Business Case for Breastfeeding, an interactive day-**

long workshop to equip participants with skills for supporting working mothers and their employers. The session will explore creative solutions for supporting moms working in hourly jobs in non-office settings such as restaurants, retail stores, and manufacturing plants, and strategies for conducting effective outreach with businesses in the community. The workshop will also showcase new resources available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health, which can be used to educate and empower employers and mothers. Cost: \$50. Register [online here](#).

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VCW Chair Marcia Merrill will be speaking at the 136th (!) Annual Meeting of the Vermont Bar Association (VBA). See event flyer [here](#). She'll be on a panel with *former Governor Madeleine Kunin and Justice Beth Robinson exploring ideas about services and programs of the VBA's Women's Division*.

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The Incarcerated Women's Initiative, Then and Now: Vermont Summit on Women in Corrections  
Tuesday, September 30th, Chase Community Center, Vermont Law School, South Royalton

In 2005, the Agency of Human Services developed the Incarcerated Women's Initiative (IWI) to address the growing number of women in prison and minimize the overall impact on their children, families and communities. As the IWI's tenth anniversary comes up, this summit will serve as an opportunity for community leaders, legislators, legal professionals, criminal justice-involved individuals and other interested citizens to re-examine the history of incarcerated women, to discuss the issues still facing women in corrections today, and to propose new policy recommendations. Formal invitations will be sent out soon with registration details. For more information, please contact [Claire.Greene@state.vt.us](mailto:Claire.Greene@state.vt.us).

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Be Your Child's Best Advocate: Learn How-To Navigate Special Education Law  
Friday, August 22, 9 AM – 12 noon  
Main Street Landing, Burlington

Certified educational advocate Angela Timpone presents this one-day workshop for parents and guardians with children and teens with disabilities. Workshop will cover the history of IDEA, Vermont Special Education Law, The IEP: present levels, goals and measurable benchmarks and accommodations; Assessments and Evaluations, Procedural Safeguards, prior written notice, due process, mediation and discipline; and Section 504. Participants will learn about navigating school culture, preparing for meetings, managing conflict, avoiding costly obstacles and will understand the rules of the game. [Link here for more information or to register](#).

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Workshop: Strategies to Transform Peer Aggression Among Girls

Presented by Vermont Works for Women

Burlington (9/9), Rutland (10/27), Brattleboro (11/11), and St. Johnsbury (12/11)

This interactive, half-day workshop teaches educators, administrators, youth service providers, and all adults to identify, address and prevent this behavior which undermines confidence, healthy risk-taking, and leadership development in girls and young women. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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Business and Professional Women's Franklin County Women's Expo

Saturday October 18th

Bellows Free Academy, 10 AM – 4 PM

This event provides an opportunity for women in the St. Albans area to connect, learn and aspire to take next steps in their professional lives. FREE admission. Program features fabulous food, inspiring kick off with Governor Madeleine Kunin, vendors, panel discussion with VCW's Cary Brown, and seminars with titles like Stress Less, Who Are You? Get Techie, and Empowerment 101. More info [here](#).

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