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Watch [VCW's Panel Discussion Video: Successful Reentry for Women in Corrections](#)

Hosted by our Saint Albans Commissioner, Danielle Martell with an introduction by VCW executive director Cary Brown (video caption is incorrect) and moderated by mayor Elizabeth Gamache, this standing room only discussion took place at St. Albans City Hall in October and featured experts working with this population addressing employment, educational opportunities, risk reduction, anti-recidivism programs, and health care. Panelists included: Cathy Ainsworth of the VT Women's Mentoring Program Mercy Connections; Scott Bork of Northwestern Medical Center; Tiffany Bluemle of Vermont Works for Women; James J. Gibson of St. Albans Probation and Parole; Julian Desnoyer of Northwestern Counseling & Support Services; Danielle Lindley of Director Family Center of Northwestern VT; Kris Lukens of Voices Against Violence/Laurie's House; Candace Lewis of Community College VT, St. Albans; and Sheila Perrotte of Westaff. [Watch the video here](#). Special thanks to Northwest Access TV.

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Save the date for the 2015 Women's Leadership Conference: Better Together: Mentoring for Success

Thursday through Friday, March 26-27, at Killington Grand Resort, Killington, VT

Keynote speaker: Bethany Bosch, Solo Swimmer Across the English Channel

Pre-Conference speakers: Comedian Josie Leavitt : Finding Your Voice and VCW Commissioner, Kerry Secrest: Developing Your Mentoring Network. More info [here](#).

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Act 166 PreKindergarten Information Available

The Department of Education and the Department for Children and Families has published several Act 166 documents, including an [implementation guide](#) for school districts that are opting to establish or expand prekindergarten programs in 2015 (earlier than the 2016-2017 school year, when all districts are required to provide programs in accordance with Act 166). Additionally, an online [prequalification application](#) is available for all programs that plan to offer pre in 2015-2016. This will allow programs to be listed as prequalified in the Bright Futures Information System. This database is widely used by state agencies, school districts and parents, so providers are encouraged to apply early. For questions, contact Manuela

Fonseca at the Department of Education at (802) 479-1418.

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2015 Roe v Wade Legislative Day / 50th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

Thursday, January 22nd, 9 am – 2 pm

State House, Room 10, Montpelier

Join Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) for this special advocacy day honoring these milestones. [Learn more here](#) or by calling (802) 448- 9766.

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January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the New Year is a perfect time for women to take charge of their health with important preventive screenings such as [Pap tests](#), which detect irregularities that can lead to cervical cancer.

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Center for Law and Social Policy, Inc. (CLASP) Webinar: The New Congress and Federal Funding for Needed Services

Thursday, January 22nd, 1:00p.m. - 2:15p.m. ET

CLASP will be co-sponsoring this webinar hosted by the Coalition on Human Needs and additionally co-sponsored by Children’s Leadership Council (CLC), Community Action Partnership, National Council of La Raza, NETWORK - A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), RESULTS, Friends Committee on National Legislation, National Women’s Law Center (NWLC), Campaign for American’s Future, and the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Hear from national experts Joel Friedman and Ellen Nissenbaum of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities about how and when Congress will take up its new round of critical budget decisions (hint: it’s soon!). The new Congress has a majority that favors cuts to Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, and many other programs, threatening services low-income people need. Support will increase for massive tax cuts favoring the wealthy and corporations, too. [More info here](#), questions/concerns please [contact Joanna Sandager](#).

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Live Webcast: Easily Use U.S. Census Data to Tell Your Story

Friday, January 23d 10 am - Noon

Hosted by [Common Good](#), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau

Are you looking for a statistical overview of your neighborhood, town or region? Do you need data to inform your population level results? Then don't miss this special live webcast with Alexandra Barker, Data Dissemination and Media Relations Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau, on how to make the most from American FactFinder and its other analytical tools, hosted by Common Good Vermont. Improve your planning, grant-writing and collective impact! [More info or register here.](#)

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Support a woman making the transition from prison back into the community: help make positive change with the Vermont Women's Mentoring Program

Mentor training begins February 4, 2015 and runs each Wednesday for four weeks

The [Vermont Women's Mentoring Program](#) is a collaborative partnership between Mercy Connections, Vermont Works for Women, and the Vermont Department of Corrections. Mentor training begins February 4, 2015 and runs each Wednesday for four weeks. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Pam Greene: pgreene@mercyconnections.org or 802-846-7164 today.

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[Women's Small Business Programs](#) at Mercy Connections

Start Up: Comprehensive Business Planning: a 15-week course where participants learn the language of business while developing a business plan. Learn marketing, finance, and management from an instructor team of seasoned entrepreneurs and a host of guest experts in a fun, interactive classroom with your peers. Join this 1500-member alumni network. Begins Sunday, February 1. For more information please [contact Director Gwen Pokalo.](#)

Personal Financial Empowerment: Find hope and clarity in your personal financial life! Fun, supportive, and safe class. We'll cover everything from your personal spending habits to your retirement account, without deprivation. Gain a support network, technical knowledge/resources, detailed money management plan. Tailored to the specific needs of women, at any point in their lives. Addresses the everyday and major life circumstances. This six-week class begins Tuesday, February 3 and runs through March 17 from 6-9pm. For more information please [contact Director Gwen Pokalo.](#)

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The Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence's Basic Advocacy Training

Tuesday February 17th 9:00-5:00; and Wednesday February 18th 8:30-4:15

VT College of Fine Arts, 36 College St, Montpelier

Day 1 Topics: Causes & Contexts: What Makes Perpetrators so Powerful?; Gender, Privileges, Oppression, and a Social History of Violence & Resistance; Tactics of Perpetrators: Domestic and Sexual Violence Through an Accountability Lens; Impacts of Domestic and Sexual Violence: An Advocacy Perspective. Day 2 Topics: Relationships, Dilemmas & Opportunities: Advocacy with Other Systems to Support all Survivors; The Right Tools for the Job: a Philosophical & Practical Grounding for Advocacy with all Survivors. Please Register by January 29th. [Learn more here.](#)

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Sharing two of the Institute for Women's Policy Research ([IWPR's top five findings from 2014](#)):

[Equal Pay for Working Women Would Cut Poverty in Half](#)

If current trends continue, women will not receive [equal pay until 2058](#) or achieve [equal representation in Congress until 2121](#).

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Trans and Queer Potluck

Wednesday, January 28th 4:00pm

The Whetstone Studio for the Arts, 28 Williams St, Brattleboro, VT.

The Root Social Justice Center is graciously providing this space for this group which provides a safe space for transgender, gender non-conforming, queer folk and their allies of all ages to meet and socialize. [More info here.](#)

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Congratulations to Seven Days cofounders Pamela Polston and Paula Routly, who will be inducted into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame next month.

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Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor Webinar: Know your Rights - Employment Protections for Pregnant Workers

Tuesday, January, 27th, 2:00-3:15 p.m. EST

This webinar showcases the Women's Bureau's work on educating workers about pregnancy protections provided under the law and also highlights recent developments at the state level. The program will include an introduction by the Director of the Women's Bureau, Latifa Lyles, followed by three speakers. Sarah Crawford from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission who will discuss the updated enforcement guidance and the EEOC's stepped up focus on pregnancy protections. Melissa Josephs from the Chicago-based Women Employed will talk about the recent enactment of the Pregnancy Fairness Law in Illinois, the unanimous support it received from the legislature, and what they expect as the law goes in to effect. Dina Bakst from A Better Balance will discuss similar laws in place in Delaware, New York City, and other states and cities. To register for the webinar, [https://dolevents.webex.com/dolevents/onstage/g.php?d=743576261&t=aplease click here](https://dolevents.webex.com/dolevents/onstage/g.php?d=743576261&t=aplease%20click%20here) and use password: Welcome!23 or Get the teleconference audio by calling: 888-957-9827 and Passcode: 9688432

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Visiting Nurse Association Of Chittenden And Grand Isle Counties: Responsible Parenting Group For Dads

Starting Jan 27, Tuesdays: 3pm - 5pm

This 8-10 week curriculum based group discusses the five characteristics that comprise an involved, responsible, and committed dad. It gives dads a safe, friendly, non-judgmental environment to discuss parenting. This group is a closed group, allowing dads to really develop relationships with other dads while delving deep into parenting material. Childcare for children 0-6 is available. Learn more here. The VNA also hosts Dad's Night - every Tuesday between 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm. [More info here.](#)

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