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**Greater Burlington Women's Forum Brown Bag Lunch: Getting to Yes: Negotiation Skills to Advance Your Job, Career, and Life**

Wednesday, January 14th, noon, Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall

This program features Cary Brown, Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women, and Mary M. Lee, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development at Champlain College addressing obstacles women typically face when negotiating and how to improve negotiation skills. The program will last an hour and close with announcements of job opportunities and positions followed by an additional 30 minutes of networking. Please BYO lunch and business cards (make one if you don't have one!). [Register here](#) (no need to print out a ticket – registrants are entered on a list). Donations are welcome at the door. Checks to: Vermont Works for Women, please include Greater Burlington Women's Forum in the memo line. Special thanks to sponsor Vermont Works for Women. Contact the forum [via email](#), [website](#) or on Facebook/btvwomen.

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**United Way of Chittenden County Women's Leadership Council**

The United Way of Chittenden County recently launched this group to harnesses the power of women to engage, educate and empower others to become leaders and actively participate in the betterment of the community. More information [here](#) or please contact [Ruthann Hackett](#) / 802-861-7831.

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**Webinar: Civil Legal Service Innovations in Domestic Violence Courts: Challenges, Ethical Considerations, and Lessons Learned**

Wednesday, February 25, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

This webinar will highlight best practices for domestic violence courts seeking to enhance safety for victims through the use of civil legal attorneys. Featured attorneys will include Vermont's Wynona Ward, founder, director and senior attorney of [Have Justice Will Travel](#), addressing how civil legal services are a key component of the Brattleboro IDV. Learn more about innovative strategies, challenges, and lessons learned from the process of collaborating with domestic violence courts in states to enhance civil legal services for victims. Moderator is Rebecca Thomforde Hauser, Center for Court Innovation. [More information and/or register](#)

[here](#).

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### **Public Assets Institute's [State of Working Vermont 2014](#)**

[State of Working Vermont 2014](#), a chartbook created by the [Public Assets Institute](#) in conjunction with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., highlights how working Vermonters and their families are faring in the current economy. It shows how economic conditions have changed, for better or worse, in recent years. These indicators can help policymakers focus attention and resources on the problems Vermonters face. Getting more people into good jobs and leaving fewer in poverty would not only better Vermonters' lives but also help resolve some of the state's perennial budget problems. Of particular interest to VIEWers might be pages 17 and 19, looking at labor participation and gender, and pages 23 and 25, focusing on basic needs and child care for Vermont women and families.

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### **The Front Lines of Womanhood**

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury

Leah Carey, author of [You Are Not Alone](#), speaks on what almost every woman knows: the experience of feeling unsafe. Her book tells the stories of ten women who talk about harassment and assault, but also about hopes and vision for a healthier future. Part of [St. Johnsbury Athenaeum's](#) Arts and Culture Series. More info: 802-748-8291.

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### **Pride Center seeks SafeSpace Program Coordinator**

[Pride Center](#) of Vermont is seeking a full time coordinator for their SafeSpace program. Join an amazing team in Burlington that works closely together to provide direct services focusing on LGBTQ survivors of violence across Vermont. More information [here](#).

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### **[Main Street Alliance of Vermont](#) seeks Small Business Organizer**

[Main Street Alliance of Vermont](#) is seeking a Small Business Organizer. Duties for this position relate primarily to outreach/recruitment, leadership development, and mobilization of small business owners in order to engage decision-makers, the media, and the public in support of public policy issues like health care reform, fair taxes, and community-centered workplace policy reform. Learn more about this job posting [here](#).

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### **Women's History Month Brownbag Lunch Event**

Vermont History Museum, Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Noon to 1

Come celebrate Women's History Month with us! Our annual brown bag lunch event will feature a panel discussion on women's history with: VCW Commissioner/Director of UVM's Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program/Associate Professor of History Dr. Felicia Kornbluh; Independent scholar and author Lyn Blackwell; and Holly Allen, Assistant Professor of American Studies at Middlebury College. Bring your lunch – we'll supply the drinks and dessert! Stay tuned to Vermont Public Radio for our week-long commentary series – more info [here](#).

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### **Equal Pay Day: April 14th, 2015**

We'll be at the Vermont State House for this annual symbolic day in 2014 when women's earnings finally catch up to men's from 2014. Learn more about equal pay and other rights of Vermont workers [here](#) – our publication detailing workplace laws, including the latest: the right to request flexible working arrangements.

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### **American Heart Association's Vermont Go Red for Women Luncheon**

Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Panel Discussion and Silent Auction: 8:45-12, Lunch 12-2

Your attendance at this annual event benefits the Vermont Heart Association. More info [here](#) or [here](#). [Heart disease](#) is the #1 killer of women and 1 in 3 women in the U.S. die of heart disease and stroke. Learn more about [heart attack symptoms in women](#).

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### **Early Childhood Day at the Legislature**

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Learn more about this event - co-hosted by the [Vermont Early Childhood Alliance](#), [Let's Grow Kids](#) and [Building Bright Futures](#) - [here](#).

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### **Farmers Night at Vermont Legislature**

Wednesday evenings, 7:30

House Chamber, Vermont State House, Montpelier

Free performances in the Vermont State House, see the schedule [here](#).

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**Snelling Center for Government's [Early Childhood Leadership Institute \(ECLI\)](#)**

Application process is now open for the Snelling Center for Government's newly launched Early Childhood Leadership Institute (ECLI). The institute seeks to stimulate enthusiasm for and effective collaboration around childhood issues in Vermont. The Snelling Center for Government will accept applications through February 15, 2015 to build its first cohort of 25 Vermonters. Learn more [here](#).

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**[Women's Small Business Program at Mercy Connections](#) Classes Enrolling for January/February**

255 S Champlain St, Suite 8, Burlington, VT 05401

2015 = Your Year. Your Business. Your Financial Hope.

[Getting Serious](#), an introduction to self-employment.

Act now: Wednesdays, January 14 + 21, 5:30-9PM.

[Personal Financial Empowerment](#), find hope and clarity.

Tuesdays, February 3 - March 17, 6-9PM.

[Start Up](#), comprehensive business planning.

15 weeks, starts February 1.

Click the links above for the class's application packet and find more info [here](#).

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**[Vermont Commission on Women \(VCW\)](#)**

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