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## **6th Annual Vermont Courage in Bloom Garden Ceremony Honoring Victims and Survivors of Crime**

Wednesday, July 22nd 3:00 pm

[Courage in Bloom Garden](#) at [10-12 Baldwin Street](#) in Montpelier

This ceremony takes place every year in the [Courage in Bloom Garden](#), a space is for remembering, for honoring victims/survivors of crime, and a space to build public awareness about issues impacting victims of crime. Speakers will include: Eric Miller, U.S. Attorney, District of Vermont; Deb Sherrer, Yoga Instructor and Psychotherapist at VT Center for Integrative Therapy; open forum featuring the voices of survivors and advocates, and special thanks and praises to this year's Honoree Sue Russell by Judy Rex, the Executive Director of Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services. Reception & Light Refreshments. RSVP requested to [outreach@ccvs.state.vt.us](mailto:outreach@ccvs.state.vt.us). Questions or more info: [Emile Bishop](#) | 802-241-1250 x 114.

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### **[World Cup Champions](#)**

Governor Kunin provided commentary on the Women's World Cup on VPR this week. Read or listen [here](#).

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### **[Vermont Humanities Events](#)**

Book Discussions in Post Mills, Vermont at the George Peabody Library

Wednesdays in July @ 7 pm

Reflect on the theme of crisis and change through the eyes of young women striving to survive disaster and exploitation. Free and open to the public. Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Katherine Paterson's Lyddie and Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>: Masuji Ibuse's Black Rain.

Duty's Faithful Child: A Visit with Louisa May Alcott

July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hartford, Vermont at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ 7 pm

July 28<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington at Memorial Hall, 6 pm

Jeanne Austin draws on the life and writing of Alcott to portray this remarkable author and

woman.

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[Cornucopia](#) seeks donations of tables and chairs  
125 Main Street, Newport, Vermont

[Cornucopia](#) is a transitional job-training program operated by Umbrella in the culinary and hospitality fields. It also offers a weekly community meal to older adults in Newport, Vermont, and 670 meals per week to 120 individuals in Orleans County. If you have tables and chairs in good shape to donate, please contact Sonya at 802-487-9380 to arrange to drop them off or pick up. Umbrella offers safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families throughout Caledonia, Orleans and Essex Counties. Services provided by four primary programs include domestic and sexual violence crisis and prevention, child-care resource and referrals, a family center, and vocational training.

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Read **2015 report from the Vermont Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission** [here](#).

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The **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** is an Advisory Council member to the Vermont Commission on women. Since its founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on national issues — educational, social, economic, and political. Learn more [here](#).

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**[Girls on the Run](#) Leads the Pack**

GOTR/VT, is also an Advisory Council member to VCW, and inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident through an engaging, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running into life skill learning. This year, 3,100 girls completed a 5k Run/Walk in three locations across Vermont and 840 volunteers trained and mentored them as coaches over a 10 week period. [Read this GOTR profile from Common Good Vermont.](#)

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**[4th Annual Vermont Vision for a Multicultural Future Educational Conference](#)**

Thursday and Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Grand Summit Hotel at Mount Snow Resort, West Dover, Vermont

[Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity's](#) Vermont Vision for a Multicultural Future is a participant driven conference held once a year to open a conversation about diversity, inclusion, and equity practices for organizations throughout the state. A conference like no other, *Vermont Vision 2015* is a participant-driven, strategy-sharing conference of Vermont leaders dedicated to enhance business-essential diversity, inclusion and equity practices. Find

out more and register now [here](#).

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**Save the Date Notice: Senator Leahy's 19th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference**

Saturday, September 19th at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

NEW NEWS: this year's keynote speaker will be Vermont Public Radio's [Jane Lindholm](#)! For nearly two decades Senator Leahy has hosted this day-long conference, bringing together hundreds of Vermont women looking to explore new careers, forge professional contacts and discover financial resources. Featuring at least two dozen workshops and discussion groups, this conference is designed to support women at all stages of professional and personal development. Whether you are starting a home-based business or are concerned about cyber security in your banking transactions, you will be sure to learn new skills. In the interest of making the conference accessible to all, there is no charge for registration, lunch or pre-arranged child care. Watch VIEW for details and registration notice!

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VCW **Commissioner Felicia Kornbluh** was quoted in [a recent Seven Days article](#).

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View a PowerPoint presentation of key findings from the report series, **Status of Women in the States** by the Institute for Women's Policy Research [here](#).

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**Pre-K Program Information And Child Protection Law Policy Comment Period**

information courtesy of Vermont Early Childhood Alliance

The Agency of Education (AOE) recently added information and resources to their [Pre-K website](#) to support school districts and providers with implementation of **Act 166, Vermont's Universal Access to Prekindergarten Education**. Learn more [here](#).

The Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) released a number of policies this week drafted to comply with the new child protection law (S.9). These interim policy go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, with a **public comment period ending on 8/14/2015**. Find them [here](#) (look for policies listed under "Intake and Assessment"). Comments, questions and suggestions can be sent to [Lindsay Barron](#).

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**Laura's March to End Sexual Violence will take place on September 12th in Burlington**

Laura's March 2015 will be raising money for H.O.P.E. Works, Pride Center of VT, and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program. Spectate, walk, run or sponsor: more info [here](#).

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### **Office for Victims of Crime Seeking Nominations for the 2016 National Crime Victims' Service Awards**

In observance of the 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will recognize individuals, teams, programs and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in support of victims and victim services. Find information to nominate individuals, teams, programs, or organizations in Vermont that provide exemplary service to crime victims at the [OVC Web site](#). Submit nominations by July 30, 2015 through [OVC's Online Nomination Form](#).

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### **Vermont Technical College's Women in Management Workshop Series**

Vermont Technical College – Williston campus

Wednesdays - August 5th and 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Are you a woman in a leadership/management position who is frustrated with the status quo? Great leaders have great attitudes, mindsets, beliefs and ways of being. Change your mindset and start really thinking and behaving like the leader you aspire to be. This two workshop series will teach you how to cultivate the attitudes and behaviors that lay the foundation for your elegant leadership. Areas of Focus:

- Explore attitudes, beliefs or perceptions and behaviors that might be holding back your career
- Define your vision for your leadership
- Discover the powerful truth about our perceptions and connect those to the attitudes and ways of being a leader
- Discover the difference that a focus on simple, effective behaviors can make
- Put in place a process to improve one simple but crucial behavior

Cost: \$299.00, More info [here](#). Questions: [Dianne Percy](#) | 802.236-9161.

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Read the most recent update on [Building Bright Futures' Early Learning Challenge Grant here](#).

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**[July 18th: Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure](#)**

*8:30 a.m., Riley Rink, Hunter Park, Manchester Center, VT*

Look for the Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) (a VCW Advisory Council member) table under the big tent and stop by for information and giveaways!

**[July 24th: PPNNE Night at the Vermont Lake Monsters](#)**

*7:05 p.m., Centennial Field, Burlington, VT*

Have a fun night at the ballpark and support PPNNE at the same time! PPNNE will receive a portion of all tickets purchased through this [unique link](#).

2015 marks [PPNNE's 50th Anniversary](#), and the launch of a \$25 million 50th Anniversary [Campaign](#).

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**[Open House at Cedar Wood Natural Health Center](#)**

20 Joy Drive South Burlington, Vermont  
Saturday July 18th from 11am to 4pm.

Free and open to the public: sessions in massage and bodywork, physical therapy, Reiki, whole food dietary information and nutritional health evaluations, cranial sacral therapy, organic treats from Eco Bean and Juice, and learn more about Common Roots, a local non-profit organization building a sustainable future through community-based education and service programs. More info: visit [website](#) | call (802) 863-5828.

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Read **Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF)'s 2014 Child Protection Report** [here](#).

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The **[Vermont Suicide Prevention Center \(VTSPC\)](#)** just held its third statewide annual conference. This annual cross-agency statewide event brought together local and national experts to present the latest research and initiatives in suicide prevention. Presenters discussed a range of topics including access to lethal means, language sensitivity in the LGBTQ community, working with those who've lost loved ones to suicide, at-risk groups, and local team-based efforts. VTSPC is a program of the Center for Health and Learning in partnership with the Vermont Department of Mental Health and is advised by a statewide Coalition of more than 35 agencies and individuals. VTSPC supports statewide suicide prevention efforts and local communities in implementing the recommendations of the [Vermont Suicide](#)

[Prevention Platform](#) using data driven evidence based practices.

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Check out this recently released data from DOL's Women's Bureau about [Nontraditional \(male-dominated\) Occupations](#).

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

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