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## Danielle M. Martel of St. Albans Reappointed to State Women's Commission

(Montpelier) – Speaker of the Vermont House Shap Smith has reappointed Danielle Martel of St. Albans to serve on the [Vermont Commission on Women](#).

Commissioner Martel is employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Mousetrap Pediatrics in Milton, Vermont. She graduated from Bellows Free Academy in 2005, Vermont Technical College's LPN Program in 2006, and Community College of Vermont in 2014. She is currently serving as Immediate Past President of Franklin County Business and Professional Women, and is also a member of the Franklin County Past Presidents Club. Business and Professional Women strives to achieve equality in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.

She was previously employed as a CNC Machinist for Superior Technical Ceramics, and as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Birchwood Terrace Healthcare in Burlington. During her high school and college years she worked as a Licensed Nursing Assistant at Redstone Villa in St. Albans. Commissioner Martel plans to open her own hospice and palliative care facility in Franklin County.

Commissioner Martel will be hosting a free panel discussion “Successful Reentry for Women in Corrections” with the Vermont Commission on Women on Wednesday, October 8th, 2014, 5:30 - 7:00 PM at St. Albans City Hall. This free and open to the public panel discussion on Successful Reentry will focus on employment, educational opportunities, risk reduction, anti-recidivism programs, health care, and support for building better and stronger relationships with family, children and the community as a whole.

The Commission will share the findings from this forum with the legislature, policy makers, and various state and community organizations with the goal of creating a correctional system that is more responsive to the unique needs of the women.

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New England Women's Policy Conference: The Unfinished Agenda  
Friday, November 7th 10-5 pm

## John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

Columbia Point, Boston, Mass

Save the Date! Please mark your calendars and plan to join your Vermont colleagues for this important New England-wide conference. Stay tuned to VIEW for more details. This event will be sponsored by the Commissions on Women in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont, as well as Rhode Island's Women's Fund, New Hampshire Women's Initiative, the JFK Library and Museum, and the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass Boston.

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### Research Volunteers Sought for UVM Study

Volunteers, 18 and over, sought for a study to learn more about the experiences of people who were tapered off of methadone/buprenorphine while they were incarcerated. Gift card compensation for participation. Learn more, contact [Shoshana Aronowitz](#). / 802-445-5339.

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### Vermont Energy Investment Corporation Senior Positions Open

Learn more [here](#).

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### Senator Leahy's 18th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM -4 PM

Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

Always free and fabulous, this statewide conference features keynote speaker Donna Carpenter, President of Burton Snowboards, free day care and lunch, great workshops with inspiration to get organized, clarify your personal/professional goals, and connect with others. Registration soon - stay tuned to VIEW for details!

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### World Breastfeeding Month (August) events in Rutland and Addison Counties

From the Breastfeeding Project of Rutland County and the Addison Breastfeeding Coalition

#### Addison County Events:

Farmers Markets Farm to Family Coupon Distribution dates:

Bristol Farmers Market on July 26 from 10-1 pm

Vergennes Farmers Market on July 31 from 3-6:30 pm

Middlebury Farmers Market on August 13 from 9-12:30 pm

Addison County Fair and Field Days from August 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - Nursing Nook (near the restrooms) for a kind smile, a place to sit and nurse, and to change a diaper!

La Leche League meets August 7 at 10am at June Bug Resale Shop, in the Star Mill Building on Park St, Middlebury

Porter Breastfeeding Class on August 18 at Porter Hospital, Collins Conference Room from 6:30-8:30pm, registration required, call 382-3413

Natural Beginnings on August 19 from 11-1pm at the Ilsley Library Community Room

Nursing Nook at Sidewalk Sales on August 1 from 10-4:30pm - watch for our sign on Merchants Row outside of Three Tomatoes and come on in to the air conditioned Nursing Nook Space inside the WIC clinic on the 1st floor. Clean restrooms also!

National Night Out in Fairhaven on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm

La Leche League Baby Cafe and Playgroup meets at Grace Church from 10:30-12 pm on Wednesday, August 6

Rutland Hospital Breastfeeding Class August 12 from 6-8 pm. Come learn what to expect at birth and the first 10 days, registration is free, call 747-3695

The Vermont State Fair runs from August 29-September 7. Look for the Infant Comfort Station in the President's Building for a clean place to rock and nurse your baby, change a diaper, learn about area resources for breastfeeding support, and generally decompress with your children.

What's Cooking Rutland, First Foods for Babies on PEGTV

During August - World Breastfeeding Month, The Breastfeeding Project of Rutland County partners with The Rutland County Nutrition Coalition to produce [What's Cooking Rutland, a cooking show on Peg-TV](#). Watch for WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors Brianne and Hannah with their children in our show about First Foods for Babies.

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New Afterschool Program Janes of All Trades In Lamoille County Focuses On Stem & Skilled Trades Immersion For Young Women

Vermont Works for Women, in partnership with several Lamoille County organizations, will expand a three-month pilot program that immerses young women in the skilled trades and STEM activities (science, technology, engineering and math) to a year-long afterschool program beginning this September. Janes of All Trades, the name of the new program, exposes girls, ages 15-22, to some basic instruction in welding, automotive and carpentry, as well as activities in pottery and the arts, team-building, public speaking, leadership development, and media literacy. The new

program is modeled after Vermont Works for Women's successful Rosie's Girls summer camp program, 15 years running, which immerses middle school girls in STEM and trades activities in the context of a supportive, girl-driven environment. Funding for the Janes of All Trades program launched with the Sally Fox Award on behalf of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation. Vermont Sen. Sally Fox was a powerful advocate for women and children during her lifetime. This award was presented by husband Michael Sirotkin in Sally's memory to Vermont Works for Women for demonstrating "a commitment to the well-being of children in Vermont, either through direct service, increasing public awareness, strengthening policies or creating new initiatives that promote prevention programs." More info [here](#).

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Dance the Business Tango

Three-session series: July 21, 23 & 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
20 Gable Place, Barre

Paint with Numbers - learn to love the financial side of business

Four-session series: Tuesday evenings, July 29, August 5, 12 & 19 from 5-8 p.m.  
20 Gable Place, Barre

Protecting, Selling or Licensing your Idea - an IP (intellectual property) Primer

FREE two-hour workshop: Friday, August 1st from 10 a.m.-12:00 noon  
20 Gable Place, Barre

So You Want to Start a Business? First Steps to Get You Going!

Two-hour workshop: Wednesday, August 20th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
O'Brien Community Center in Winooski

The Vermont Women's Business Center is a project of Capstone Community Action (formerly Central Vermont Community Action Council).  
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Laura's March: A 5K Walk/Run to End Sexual Violence  
Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Burlington's Oakledge Park

Sponsor [The LKW Memorial Fund](#) has a dual mission: preventing sexual assault and helping survivors and funding children and youth programs. This year's march benefits H.O.P.E. Works, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, and Pride Center of Vermont. For more about the March: [Facebook](#) event page.

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The Vermont Commission on Women participated in the June 23 national Summit on Working Families. [Read More About the Summit here.](#)

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