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Women's Small Business Program (WSBP): Getting Serious: An Introduction to Self-Employment

Thursdays, April 2 - 23, 6-8PM at [Mercy Connections](#), Burlington

Have you been thinking about starting a business, but don't know what it would look like in your life? Want to start a business but don't have a specific business idea? Join an exciting class of your business-exploring peers to discover if business ownership is right for you! More info [here](#) or email WSBP Director, [Gwen Pokalo](#) or call her at 802-846-7338. Watch a video about the program by [clicking here](#). Stay tuned to VIEW for additional offerings, including:

- Start Up - 15 week, Comprehensive Business Planning course. Runs twice per year - next class runs September-December 2015.
- Personal Financial Empowerment - 7 week class to find hope and clarity in your personal financial situation - whatever it may be. Runs twice per year - next class runs August 2015.
- Personal Financial Coaching - Monthly one-on-one and group coaching to help you achieve greater self-sufficiency and comfort in your finances. 10-month program, starts September 2015.

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County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released a report titled County Health Rankings & Roadmaps this week. The report details health and wellness measures by county. Read more about the Vermont data [here](#).

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[Vermont Public Radio's Women's History Month Commentary Series](#)

In recognition of Women's History Month, Vermont Commission on Women is very fortunate to collaborate with Vermont Public Radio and the Vermont Historical Society's Vermont Women's History Project to present a week-long commentary series for many years. This year the theme was the value of women's history. The line-up of commentators featured many of the panelists from our lunch time discussion on March 11th at the Vermont History Museum. Link to listen or read:

[Still Teaching Women's History by Cyndy Bittinger](#)

[Researching Women's History by Dr. Marilyn Blackwell](#)

[Beyond Women's History Dr. Felicia Kornbluh](#)

[The First Woman by Cary Brown](#)

[Women Shaping History by Kathryn Stearns](#)

[Paid Sick Leave by Governor Madeleine Kunin](#)

[Women's History as Context by Holly Allen](#)

[Susan Keese Remembrance by Deborah Lee Luskin](#)

Very special thanks to VPR producer Betty Smith-Mastaler and to Cyndy Bittinger for making this series possible. Listen to past commentary series (back to 2007) by linking to VCW's Leadership and Public Life page [here](#).

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Documentary Film Showing: Gloucester 18: A Pregnancy Pact

Community Event for May: National Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month

Aldrich Library: Downstairs In The Milne Room, 134 Mill Street In Barre, Vermont

Tuesday, May 12, 5:30

The documentary purports to be the only source of the true story behind the Gloucester pregnancy pact and includes interviews with the girls and their families, as well as Kimberly Daly, who ran the health clinic at Gloucester High during the time of the controversy.

Presented by: Friends In Adoption, discussion to follow tih Pamela Wilson, therapist/perinatal health advocate, Sara Graves, Site Director of Barre, Planned Parenthood, and several community partners.

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[League of Women Voters of Vermont](#) Spotlight on Vermont Issues

The League's most recent video features Peter Levine, on civic engagement. He is Director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University, and was the keynote speaker at the League's annual Spring Luncheon last week.

[Watch Now](#)

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[Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform's Share Your Story Event](#)

Wednesday, April 8, 10-1, in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier

Ever spent time in jail? Have a family member or friend who has? Come to share your experience or just listen to others at this informal gathering of formerly incarcerated individuals, family members, and supportive citizens. Be part of a growing movement to change the criminal justice system in Vermont. Schedule:

- 10-10:30 – gathering
- 10:30-12 – story sharing*

Plus, for those interested:

- 12-12:15 – mentoring/support for those willing to talk to their legislator
- 12:15-1 – talk to your legislator at lunch (with support)

*If you are unable to attend your one-page story can be read on your behalf, contact: vcjr@burlingtontelecom.net. For more information about this event, call Sara Mehalick (338-1613), Will Bennington (734-9642) or Suzi Wizowaty (864-5651).

Note: Parking is challenging in Montpelier, carpooling recommended. Wheelchair access at the back of the state house, accessible from either side. Food not allowed in Room 11, but State House cafeteria has reasonable prices.

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Women’s Day at the State House, Tuesday, April 14th

This year we’re combining some of the elements of Women’s Visibility Day with Equal Pay Day. Our morning will begin with refreshments in the State House cafeteria sponsored by [Vermont Federation of Business and Professional Women](#) with the [League of Women Voters of Vermont](#). VCW will be in the card room for the day with displays of our materials and those of our Advisory Council members. We’ll be giving away our new Equal Pay pins and enjoying some time with policymakers. We’ll join the Governor at a proclamation signing ceremony and press conference in his ceremonial office at 10 am. The Equal Pay Day resolution will be read on the House floor at the start of the day’s session. Please [let us know](#) if you can join us, and if you can, please plan to wear red as a symbol of women being “in the red” due to the gender wage gap.

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Central Vermont Job Fair

Barre City Auditorium

Wednesday, April 1st, 10:00— 4:00

www.centralvtjobfair.com

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Greater Burlington Women's Forum lunchtime discussion: Women's Leadership Circles (WLC) program

Wednesday, April 8th

Contois Auditorium, Burlington

Join Kerry Secret (founder and director of the Women's Leadership Circles (WLC) program of Marlboro College and a VCW Commissioner), and get a taste of the WLC program while learning some great tips on how to communicate more powerfully. This free brown-bag is open to all Burlington area women, and is part of a series hosted by the Greater Burlington Women's Forum. [RSVP requested.](#)

A new WLC will start in Chittenden County in September. This Circle will meet over six months to support the leadership development of women at the helm of businesses, nonprofits and community institutions. Applications are due June 8 (with an early bird discount for those received by May 11). Learn more [here](#).

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