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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: The Unfinished Agenda: New England Women's Policy Conference

Friday, November 7th, 9 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston

[Conference website](#)

[Registration link](#)

This day-long conference in Boston is a collaboration between the Vermont Commission on Women and partners from all six New England states, convening a diverse cross-section of stakeholders to chart a regional policy agenda. The theme of the 2014 conference is “Ensuring Economic Security for All Women and Their Families.” The conference will provide participants with research and information on the status of women in New England and the issues that continue to challenge them and their families. Most importantly, conference attendees will engage in an active dialogue to set policy benchmarks about where we are now and set policy goals for the future. Keynote speaker is economist, author, and CNN commentator [Julianne Malveaux](#). Vermont will be well represented in the presenters, including Rep. Sarah Buxton (D-Windsor-Orange-1), Lindsay DesLauriers of Main Street Alliance Vermont, and Vermont Commission on Women's Cary Brown. VIEWers are invited to join us at the conference, and to share this invitation widely, to ensure that Vermont's voice is strong. [Conference website](#) and [Registration link](#).

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Successful Reentry for Women in Corrections

Wednesday evening, October 8th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Council Chambers at St. Albans City Hall.

St. Albans mayor Elizabeth Gamache will moderate this panel discussion, featuring area experts addressing issues in probation and parole; health, mental health and drug addiction; education and employment training; mentoring and community support; housing and child custody. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW). Join with others in the St. Albans community to learn, share thoughts, and shape the work of those providing support to local women building better lives and better relationships. For more information or to request accommodations in advance such as seating, interpreting, etc. for this event, please contact VCW's [Claire Greene](#) / 802-828-2852.

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Share Your Story: Paid Family Leave

The United States is the only developed nation without paid maternity leave. How

would paid family leave help you and your family lead a better life? If you have paid leave already, how does it help you now? The U.S. Department of Labor is gathering personal stories – learn more and share yours [here](#) and [Twitter #LeadOnLeave](#)

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Vermont Cancer Center's 17th Annual Breast Cancer Conference
Friday, October 10th, 8-4:30

Sheraton, Burlington

Patients, survivors, health care providers, family members and others interested in women's health attend this free community event every year. Learn more and register before Monday, October 6th.

Website: www.VermontCancer.org

Facebook: vermontcancercenter

Twitter: @vtcancercenter

Pinterest: vtcancercenter

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The National Academy of Public Accounting Professionals (NAPAP) has named its 2014 "Top 10 Public Accounting Professionals" for Vermont. The award winners include VCW's Chair, Marcia Merrill of Montgomery Merrill in Burlington. Congratulations Marcia!

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Raising of America Conversations: Community discussions across Vermont about the importance of early childhood

- Addison: Middlebury College, Twilight Auditorium, October 30, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Bennington: Bennington Museum, October 20, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Caledonia: TBD
- Chittenden: Main Street Landing Film House, October 22, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Franklin: St. Albans Historical Society, October 21, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Lamoille: Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, October 30, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Rutland: College of St. Joseph, Tuttle Theater, October 29, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Washington: TBD

- Windham: Latchis Theater, October 28, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Windsor: Wilder Center, October 23, 5:30-7:30 PM

Currently, 40 to 50% of Vermont children arrive at kindergarten unprepared. Why is this happening, what are the consequences, and how can we build a firm foundation for our children's future success in school, relationships and the workforce? Vermont Commission on Women is one of 16 statewide organizations and agencies collaborating with the Let's Grow Kids campaign on Raising of America Conversations—a series of events featuring a 30-minute sneak peek of the powerful new [Raising of America](#) documentary with a community conversation afterwards. Please mark your calendar for the event happening in your area, and RSVP with ryan@letsgrowkids.org.

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Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor / Webinar - Women in Construction Jobs
“Paving the Way for Women in Construction: Creating Systems and Supports that Work”
Wednesday, October 1, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

The Women's Bureau will host a series of webinars that will explore key policy and programs for, among other things, improving women's preparation for and access to good jobs, including non-traditional occupations. The first installment will focus on improving women's representation in construction fields. During this webinar, panelists will discuss findings from two new reports, one from the Institute for Women's Policy Research and the other from the National Women's Law Center, highlighting, respectively, findings from a new national survey of tradeswomen and federal policy and program opportunities for improving women's representation in construction industry jobs. Link [here](#); use password *Welcome!23*. More information on the Women's Bureau [here](#).

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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Retreat: Women of Color and Allies
Wing Farm, Rochester, Vermont
More info [here](#).

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Fiddlehead Dental Charity Yard Sale to benefit Voices Against Violence
39 Congress Street, Saint Albans

TODAY and Saturday, September 27th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Fiddlehead Dentistry is hosting the 2nd Annual Charity Yard Sale to benefit Voices Against Violence. Items go on sale Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. All proceeds support the anti-domestic and sexual violence work of Voices in St. Albans.

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Returning to the Community

Thursday, October 16, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Alumni Hall (connected to Barre Auditorium), Barre

This exciting, free, and interactive event provides an opportunity for citizens to "walk in the shoes" of a returning prisoner trying to get basic needs met without violating the conditions of their release. Come play a role and learn what it is like – through hands on experience! Registration required: Call 476-0276 or go to www.gbcjc.org. Sponsored by the Greater Barre Community Justice Center in collaboration with the Barre Partnership and with support from a Barre City mini-grant.

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VOTE: Tuesday, November 4th is the General Election
Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 29th

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[VOTE411](http://VOTE411.org), the Electronic Voter Guide

League of Women Voters of Vermont is participating in [VOTE411](http://VOTE411.org), the electronic voter guide. Launched by the League of Women Voters Education Fund in October of 2006, VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information on the following aspects of the election process:

- Absentee ballot information
- Ballot measure information (where applicable)
- Early voting options
- Election dates
- Factual data on candidates in various federal, state and local races
- General information on such topics as how to watch debates with a critical eye

- ID requirements
- Polling place locations
- Registration deadlines
- Voter qualifications
- Voter registration forms
- Voting machines

An important component of VOTE411.org is the polling place locator, which enables users to type in their address and retrieve the poll location for the voting precinct in which that address is located. To use the guide, go to www.VOTE411.org.

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League of Women Voters of Vermont, Champlain Valley

Speed Dating with State Senate Candidates

Saturday, October 18, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Miller Community Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington

The goal of a Speed Dating Forum is quick questions, short answers, up close and personal! The event will be videotaped by Ch17/Town Meeting Television and widely rebroadcast throughout Chittenden County of public access TV.

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League of Women Voters of Vermont, Central VT

Washington County State Senate Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 14, 7:00-8:30 pm

Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite Street, Barre

This event will be in the classic League forum tradition, with candidates on stage and a moderator. Onion River Community Access Television

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VCW would like to welcome fall intern Alexandria Miller, Senior in Political Science at Norwich University.

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Fanklin County Women's Expo

Saturday, October 18th, BFA, St. Albans

Aspire, connect and transform at this Expo sponsored by Business and Professional Women. More info [here](#).

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Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont's white paper reports on the value affordable housing offers people and communities across Vermont

[Impact of Housing on Kids and Education](#) - Released September 2, 2014.

Description: Highlights the intersection of affordable housing and education, and the benefits that an affordable home provides kids in terms of their ability to learn in school.

[Affordable Homes' Impact on Health](#) - Released Sunday, September 14, 2014.

Description: Highlights the connection between health and housing.

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stoptheviolencevt.com Press Event
Monday September 29, 10 am

South Burlington Police Department

Over the past two decades victims and survivors, law enforcement professionals, advocates, prosecutors, legislators, and others have worked to dramatically improve the response to crimes against women and gender-based violence. Much progress has been made while much more work needs to be done. Recent high profile events in the NFL are emblematic of the scope and depth of this ongoing challenge. Stop the Violence Vermont is a multidisciplinary effort with one goal: to further expand service to all of Vermont to end relationship and gender-based sexual violence, which is fundamental to the safety and health of our State. This event launches Domestic Violence Awareness Month and will feature law enforcement, advocates, and prosecutors announcing new efforts to stop the violence. Learn more [here](#).

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Vermont Makes Progress with Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Funds

From 2014 through 2017, Vermont will receive \$37 million a year as part of the federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant. The grant supports work in four general categories: Improving Quality and Access; Investing in the Early Childhood Workforce; Empowering Communities, and Making a Difference. [Click here](#) for a recent update on the grant's accomplishments to date.

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Child Protection Meetings Continue

The special legislative committee looking into the state's child protection system

continues to meet, and is shifting from information-gathering to discussion mode. On Thursday, September 25th, the committee got an overview of some of the issues they are tasked with addressing from legislative staff. [Click here](#) to find the detailed and informative presentation.

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Vermont Women in Higher Education (VWHE) Fall Dinner

Wednesday, October 15th, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m

Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier

[VWHE](#) is dedicated to serving women at all professional levels. Their mission is to assist women in the pursuit of careers in higher education. Event keynote speaker is Peggy R. Williams. More information on this event [here](#). The following awards will be presented: Sister Elizabeth Candon Distinguished Service Award to Mary Hoppe, Norwich University; Peggy R. Williams Emerging Professional Award to Megan Doczi, Norwich University; Jackie M. Gribbons Leadership Award to Beth Mintz, University of Vermont.

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Vermont Among Nation's Best for Breastfeeding Rates

A [2014 Breastfeeding Report Card](#) published by CDC in August showed Vermont women breastfeed their babies at birth, three months and six months at a rate well above the national average. Vermont exceeded the national goals in five categories including rates of exclusive breastfeeding at three and six months.

High breastfeeding initiation rates take a dramatic decline as mothers return to work, and more than 70 percent of new mothers with young children return to the work force. Federal legislation under the Affordable Care Act and Vermont state law provides protections for nursing mothers returning to work. Learn more [here](#). Vermont's Breastfeeding-Friendly Employer Project helps employers adopt breastfeeding-friendly policies in the workplace, and recognizes who do so. This project also provides mothers and child care providers with information to help all Vermont babies receive breastmilk for the recommended first year of life. Learn more [here](#).

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Bullying and Harassment - UVM Ed Law Institute

Nov 21, 2014

Audience: Educators, Administrators, Counselors, Social Workers, Support Staff

Sam Abel-Palmer, Esq., Ph.D. (Director of Vermont Law Help at Vermont Legal Aid) and Bernice Garnett, Sc.D. (Assistant Professor at UVM) will look at the rapidly changing legal issues related to bullying and harassment. They will review recent changes in Vermont law regarding both of these areas, and examine legal trends in

related areas, especially student behaviors off campus and in cyberspace. Real case scenarios will be examined and discussed.

Register [here](#) or [email](#) for more information.

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New census data revealed national poverty levels fell in 2013. Read the report, [Children and Young Adults Still Face Greatest Risks](#) from the Center for Law and Social Policy, Inc.

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