

Vermont Girls Collaborative Forums



February 17

Gender Identity, Harassment and Creating Positive Communities for Youth

There is growing national awareness about the epidemic of harassment based on gender identity and/or sexual identity. This thought-provoking and timely discussion on gender identity will examine ways in which bullying can negatively impact ALL young people in Vermont.

March 17

Retooling Youth Programs for Racial Equity

Creating Environments that are inclusive and empowering to girls of all racial and cultural backgrounds is a work in progress for most youth-serving organizations. We will explore strategies for aligning organizational practices to be more culturally competent and share strategies to ensure that the voices of all girls are heard and celebrated.

April 14

Class Shouldn't Determine a Youth's Future – Thoughts on Leveling the Playing Field

Class and socioeconomic factors are powerful forces that frequently limit youths' opportunities. Panelists will discuss what can be done to proactively address class and economic concerns in youth programming and career options.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All forums will take place at the **Capital Plaza Hotel in Montpelier**
4:00 - 6:00pm

Join Host **Jane Lindholm of Vermont Public Radio** for these important discussions

The Vermont Girls Collaborative will host three forums on developing equitable programs for Vermont youth. Each event will bring together a panel of youth and adult experts who will discuss experiences of individual and organizational change, and share practical information for adults who work with youth to improve their service delivery.