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Vermont Information Exchange for Women

Newsletter



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News & Resources

Congratulations to Katherine McCann on Being Named Vermont's 2017 Teacher of the Year!

McCann is a high school mathematics teacher at U-32. She has national board certification in math and has won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Math and Science. McCann is Vermont's candidate for the National Teacher of the Year, an award given by the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, D.C.

Vermont Department of Corrections Public Comment Period Regarding Gender Responsivity

The Vermont Department of Corrections has opened a public comment period on a [proposed new directive on Gender Responsivity](#). The directive describes DOC's

general approach to incorporating gender-responsive practices throughout all its operations. Comments can be sent to AHS.DOCFeedback@vermont.gov. The comment period ends on *January 18, 2017 at 4:30 pm*.

Public Assets Institute Releases State of Working Vermont Report

The Public Assets Institute recently released its [State of Working Vermont 2016](#) report. Chapter titles include: “More rich, more poor, and fewer in the middle”; “The essentials are eating up paychecks”; “Opportunity has stalled for many Vermonters”; and, “Actions for shared prosperity”. The report concludes with recommendations for immediate, concrete actions that policymakers can take and the potential positive impacts on Vermonters.

DC Passes Nation’s Most Progressive Paid Family and Medical Leave Law

DC’s program, to be funded through an employer payroll tax of 0.62 percent, will be the nation’s first made-from-scratch medical leave program since 1969. The four states with family leave insurance all built their programs’ infrastructure onto decades-old state temporary disability insurance (TDI) programs (i.e., programs that provide paid medical leave but no family leave).

VT Legislature is in Session

Find and contact your legislators, read bills, and follow committee work on the [Vermont Legislature’s website](#). Listen to speeches and debate: Vermont Public Radio offers [live streaming from the Senate and from the House](#).

CDD Announces Professional Development System Changes

The Child Development Division (CDD) [announced an agreement with Community College of Vermont](#) (CCV) to administer the Vermont Early Childhood Professional Development System (VT ECPDS). In 2017, CCV will continue managing the Northern Lights Career Development Center, develop internal capacity to

coordinate and integrate the broader system, and prepare to take on full responsibility for regional professional development support and training in 2018. In the meantime, CDD has signed an agreement with the Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children to coordinate and carry on regional professional development opportunities in 2017 through its Vermont Birth to Five project working closely with regional community partners.

Get Involved in 2017

The Vermont Commission on Women strongly encourages women, minorities, and those typically underrepresented in political leadership to participate in the Vermont political process. Make 2017 the year you resolve to get involved on your local town select-board, school board, mayoral commission, gubernatorial board or commission, or with the state legislature. Join the people shaping policies and practices that benefit all Vermonters, including women, girls, and their families. Check with your town office for information on running for public office or to apply to serve on a town or municipal board, council or commission. [Apply to be on a gubernatorial board and commission online.](#)

ASPIRE Launches new website!

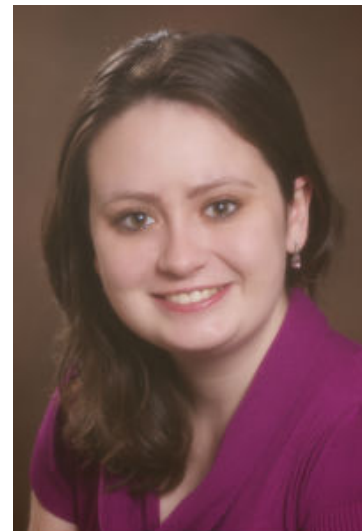
ASPIRE recently launched a new website: aspireforwomenentrepreneurs.com ASPIRE! is a first-time USDA Rural Business Development grant to engage and empower women entrepreneurs in the Northeast Kingdom: Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. It is rich in opportunities for community member participation as Circle of Support members, pitch judges for the second tier of \$5,000 grants and partnering of community businesses to support the process.

Umatter for Youth and Young Adults (Umatter YYA) engages VT students as change agents in shaping the health and well-being of their community!

Umatter YYA is excited to offer [a significant opportunity this coming winter](#) for schools to engage young people in promoting wellness in their school communities. Students receive training to foster their own protective factors and develop critical life skills for resiliency. In addition, they engage in prevention work through Community Action Projects that will make a difference. Groups pay a \$300 fee for all events. This cost includes a team of up to eight youth and/or young adults age 13-21 and one or two adult facilitators. A \$500 stipend is provided to support adult facilitators, travel, and Community Action Project. Scholarships are available to Windham County and Upper Valley youth groups to cover the registration fee.

Who's on the Commission?

Commissioner **Danielle Martel** is employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Hagan, Rinehart, & Connolly Pediatricians in Burlington. 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 a Past President of Franklin County Business and Professional Women (BPW), and a member of the Franklin County Past Presidents Club. Commissioner Martel is currently serving as President of Vermont Business and Professional Women. This statewide organization strives to achieve equality in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. She was previously employed as a LPN at Mousetrap Pediatrics, as a CNC Machinist for Superior Technical Ceramics, and as a LPN 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 a hospice and palliative care facility in the near future.



Employment Opportunities

The Vermont Department of Health is hiring a Public Health Program Administrator: Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health

Join the Division of Maternal and Child Health and be part of a team that promotes adolescent sexual and reproductive health, and teen pregnancy prevention. The successful candidate will be an experienced, motivated individual who wants to improve the health and well-being of adolescent Vermonters by assessing needs, building capacity, planning and implementing programs, and evaluating outcomes. Application deadline: January 11, 2017. [View description and apply.](#)

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England is hiring a Vice President of Public Policy

This full-time senior management position oversees the public policy,

Funding Opportunities

Vermont Women's Fund Grant Opportunities

The Vermont Women's Fund encourages nonprofits with programs that support young women and girls, ages 12-25, to apply for funding if they meet the guideline requirements of offering financial literacy training, job skill development, and/or mentorship opportunities. The *deadline for applications is January 26*. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund

Each year, Jeannette Rankin Fund awards scholarships to low-income women, ages 35 and older, who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents pursuing an undergraduate education at an accredited college or university in the United States. *The deadline to apply is March 17, 2017*. [Learn more.](#)

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims

advocacy, communications, and electoral activities for PPNNE and its affiliated entities in Vermont. [Learn more or apply here.](#)

of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking

Recipients of grants may use the funding to provide transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and support services designed to enable a minor, an adult, or a dependent of a minor or adult who is fleeing a situation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing, secure employment, and integrate into a community. [Pre-register by January 24.](#)

Upcoming Events

Active Parenting: The First Five Years

Mondays, January 9 - 30 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Randolph Technical Career Center (RTCC) Adult Education

The key to a successful future for a child starts with parents and caregivers. By gaining the skills necessary to build a strong bond with a child you ensure your ability to mold them into an adult who survives and thrives. You can teach your children to display respect, cooperation, self-esteem, courage and responsibility.

Take your first step to becoming an active parent in this [4-week course](#)!

Roe v. Wade Day of Action

Tuesday, January 24th from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Vermont State House, Montpelier

Planned Parenthood is hosting a [Roe v Wade Day of Action](#) at the Vermont State House, honoring the 44th anniversary of Roe v. Wade with supporters from across Vermont by showing collective strength in Montpelier. The legislature will be voting on a resolution honoring Roe V Wade, and they want to be sure to fill the House chambers with supporters of Planned Parenthood. Join PPNNE after the vote to discuss the steps needed to ensure reproductive freedom for all Vermonters.

Winter Doe Camp

Friday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. – Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee

Announcing a Winter Retreat for Adventurous Women! Vermont Outdoors Woman has begun accepting deposits for its [Annual Winter Doe Camp](#). Winter Doe Camp is a women's weekend retreat for outdoor skill development, adventure, education and just plain fun. Participants will stay with other women in heated cabins and play in the outdoors all day. Spend the weekend learning winter outdoor skills while staying near the shores of Lake Morey! Delicious, hearty and well balanced meals are served buffet style in Hulbert's sunny dining hall. Thanks to an incredible lineup of volunteer outdoor educators, we are offering nearly 40 educational classes. Recreation activities include: dog sledding, winter camping, basket weaving, handgun, muzzleloader and rifle classes, ice fishing, Nordic skating, snowshoeing, survival skills, archery, forest management, ax skills, campfire cooking, wildlife photography, deer and spring turkey hunting, tracking, backpacking and more.



We choose events for VIEW from our [statewide events calendar](#) for women and girls. **If you'd like your event featured in the VIEW**, make sure you [add it](#).

Looking for more? You'll find many more events for women & girls in Vermont on the calendar.



The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan state agency advancing rights and opportunities for women and girls. Sixteen volunteer commissioners, along with representatives from organizations concerned with women's issues, guide VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts. For more information, please visit us at <http://women.vermont.gov>.

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