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Commissioner Spot Open on Vermont Commission on Women (VCW)

The Vermont Commission on Women currently has an opening for a commissioner, to be appointed by Governor Shumlin. This appointment is for a four-year term that begins on July 1, 2015. (Please note: the Governor is constrained by statute from appointing a Democrat for this particular opening, so the appointee will be a Republican, a Progressive, or an Independent). Applications must be made through the Governor's Boards and Commissions website, found [here](#). The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is authorized by [Vermont statute](#) which describes its purpose as: "The commission shall conduct studies of matters concerning women and in furtherance of that responsibility may:

- Review Vermont statutes with regard to sex-discrimination and other matters affecting the status of women;
- Educate and inform business, education, state and local governments and the general public about the nature and scope of sex discrimination and other matters affecting the status of women in Vermont;
- Serve as a liaison and clearinghouse between government, private interest groups and the general public concerned with services for women, and, in this regard, may publish a periodic newsletter to provide information to these constituencies;
- Promote consideration of qualified women for all levels of government positions."

VCW is made up of 16 commissioners, appointed as follows:

- Eight appointed by the Governor (no more than four may be from one political party)
- Three appointed by the Speaker of the House (no more than two may be from one political party)
- Three appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees (no more than two may be from one political party)
- One appointed by the Vermont Democratic Party
- One appointed by the Vermont Republican Party

Commissioners serve four-year terms. The VCW statute states that "members of the

commission shall be drawn from throughout the state and from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, age, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and shall have had experience working toward the improvement of the status of women in society.” We would characterize the most important requirement for serving on the Commission as a commitment to reducing discrimination and increasing opportunities for women in Vermont. Our typical meeting time is on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., usually in Montpelier, and we generally don’t meet in July and August. A commitment to attend meetings is important, and there are also standing committees that every Commissioner participates in. There is no per diem compensation provided for Commissioners, but we do reimburse for travel to meetings at the state-approved rate. Learn more about our Commissioners [here](#).

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On this day, June 17th, 142 years ago, Susan B. Anthony’s trial started for illegally voting in Rochester, New York.

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[The VNA ‘s VT Dads Program](#)

Fathers who enroll in VT Dads can participate in parenting education, relationship classes, and employment services. This project is funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. For more information, [visit the site](#), or call 802-860-4420.

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Business Owners 'Mastermind Group' with Amy Mattinat, presented by Vermont SBDC

Tuesday, June 23rd, 9:00am to Noon

Hartford Town Office Meeting Room, 171 Bridge St, White River Junction, VT 05001

Mastermind Group is a group of like-minded individuals who come together, on a regular basis, to contribute to each others' success in a spirit of harmony and partnership. FREE, but limited spots available and preference is given to current Vermont Small Business Development Center clients. To qualify, participants should be in business for at least two years and have two or three specific challenges that they want to address. More info or sign up, email [Steve Paddock](#).

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Standing Together: Women's Veterans Book Group

VA Women's Comprehensive Care Center, White River Junction

Wednesdays, 5:00 pm

- July 15
- July 29

- August 19
- September 2

Standing Together: Veterans Book Groups use literature and discussion to offer an informal setting for veterans to connect with one another, share their experiences, and strengthen their sense of community. Open to all women who have served in the military. Participants receive free copies of all readings; a light dinner is provided. Preregistration required. Please contact [Carey Russ](#), 802.295.9363 x5743. More information [here](#).

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[NEW: Vermont's Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care](#)

Established by legislation Governor Peter Shumlin signed on June 11 as part of Vermont's 2016 budget bill, this new commission will recommend effective ways to support high-quality, affordable childcare in Vermont. The commission includes the secretaries of Vermont's agencies of Education, Administration, and Human Services or their designees along with a cross-section of Vermont policymakers, childcare providers, parents, and business representatives to be appointed by the Governor. (For those interested in being considered for the Commission, follow the link from the [Let's Grow Kids](#) site to the Governor's "Boards and Commissions" web page, which includes an application.) The Commission will determine the hallmarks of a quality childcare program and to recommend to the Legislature and Governor strategies to support affordable, quality childcare in Vermont. The commission is expected to begin its work this summer and to issue a report by November 1, 2016. Learn more about the Commission at the [Let's Grow Kids](#) site. Let's Grow Kids is a statewide public education campaign that aims to raise understanding of the importance of the earliest years in the lives of Vermont's children. One immediate way you can get involved is by [signing up to tell your personal story about a childcare challenge through Let's Grow Kids Small Talk initiative](#)—a statewide listening tour launching this summer.

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Missed the Vermont Early Childhood Alliance Annual Meeting?

Draft minutes are posted [here](#). Legislative summary [here](#).

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League of Women Voters of Vermont

The League just released a spring newsletter with updates on the issues they focus on, like campaign finance reform, health care and voter registration. For your copy [email the League](#), or catch up with them [on Facebook](#).

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Pride Center of Vermont hosts Day Long Diversity Training: Social Justice: When Diversity Is Not Enough

Features diversity speaker, trainer, and stand-up comic Jessica Pettitt
Wednesday, June 24th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm
Contois Auditorium in Burlington

The Pride Center is proud to join Jessica Pettitt, nationally recognized diversity speaker, trainer, and stand-up comic in her mission to inspire change, dismantle oppression, and recognize our privilege. This highly interactive program is open to everyone who wants to deepen their work in engaging Vermont's diverse communities. Visit bit.ly/SocialJusticeVT for registration details. All registrations include a copy of Jessica's book, Notice Notes, and all of the proceeds will go to benefit the work done by the Pride Center. Costs: \$80.00 for general admission. \$90 for those seeking .6 CEUs. For more information, please contact [Kim Fountain](#) / 802-860-7812. Pride Center of Vermont celebrates, educates, and advocates with and for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Vermonters.

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Women's Leadership Circle of Chittenden County - Now Accepting Applications for Fall 2015 Program
[Marlboro College Center for New Leadership](#)

In Fall 2015, a select group of 12 outstanding women from the greater Burlington area will come together for open dialogue, deep reflection, and goal-oriented action. The Women's Leadership Circle of Chittenden County will meet on six occasions, September 2015 - February 2016, to support the leadership development of women at the helm of businesses, nonprofits and community institutions. This program is a unique opportunity to find more possibility, balance, support and strength in your leadership. We'd love to tell you more about the program, and explore whether or not it might be a good fit for you. New application deadlines: 6/24 and 8/3. Financial aid available. For more information, [link here](#) or contact [Kerry Secrest](#) founder and facilitator (and VCW Commissioner).

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VCW Advisory member AAUW Urge a HALT to Sexual Violence on Campus

About 28 percent of college women are targets of attempted or completed [sexual assault](#). American Association of University Women (AAUW) research revealed that [two-thirds of college students](#) experience sexual harassment. The HALT (Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency) Act will help to end sexual harassment and violence on campus by instituting climate surveys, increasing incentives for schools to follow the law, and ensuring transparency about ongoing U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice investigations. Learn more [here](#).

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Champlain College's Center for Financial Literacy Annual Report

The Center's mission is to increase the financial sophistication and well-being of K-12 students and their teachers, college students and adults. The Center was established on the belief that a financially literate populace will lead to greater financial health and prosperity at the local, state and national level. View this year's Annual Report [here](#).

View VCW's resource directory chapter on Financial Literacy [here](#).

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Center for Law and Social Policy publications and papers

[Policy Brief on TANF](#)

[Paper on Low Income College Students Unmet Needs](#)

[Report and Maps on Implementing The Child Care and Development Block Grant \(CCDBG\) Reauthorization](#)

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Help Sponsor Youth to Attend Camp Outright!

Camp Outright needs donations to make camp a reality for all youth, regardless of their ability to pay. Campers include youth that are homeless, youth from families with no extra resources, and youth that live in foster care. All youth deserve to experience the magic that is camp, visit the [Camp Outright website](#) and click DONATE!

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Women-Led Project \$

Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization seeking projects that promote gender/racial/economic justice. The projects must be led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities. Next deadline is August 15th. Read more [here](#).

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Check out DOL's new infographic on Equal Pay [here](#).

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