COMMISSIONERS
Commissioners are volunteers from across the state who have experience working toward improving the status of women. Commissioner appointments are made by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Vermont Senate Committee on Committees. Commissioners serve four-year terms.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL
Members provide counsel on setting goals and developing strategies and objectives, and act as liaisons between their organization and VCW.

American Nurses Association VT
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Division of Maternal & Child Health, VT Dept. of Health
Evolve Rutland
Girls on the Run VT
Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains
League of Women Voters of VT
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Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council
Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Vermont Women in Higher Education
Vermont Women’s Fund
Vermont Women in Law Enforcement
Vermont Works for Women
Voices for Vermont’s Children
Women Business Owners Network
Women’s Agricultural Network (WAgN)
Women’s & Gender Studies Program, Castleton College
Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom
WHO WE ARE

The Vermont Commission on Women is a non-partisan independent state agency dedicated to advancing rights and opportunities for Vermont women.

Established in 1964 by Governor Philip Hoff as the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission has a proud history of improving the lives of Vermont women and their families. In 2002, it was put into statute and its name was changed to the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW).

VCW is governed by 16 volunteer Commissioners from across the state and advised by representatives from organizations concerned about women’s issues.

Staff are frequently assisted by student interns and volunteers. For more information about VCW internships, contact Lilly Talbert at 802-828-2841.

WHAT WE DO

Public Education:
VCW addresses issues or publicizes current data through presentations and workshops to groups around Vermont, via media in interviews, articles and commentary, and on our social media channels. We offer a statewide events calendar and an e-newsletter.

Public Policy:
VCW organizes events which study, celebrate or listen to the needs or conditions of women. We work in coalition or lead support for public policy that improves the status of women and girls in Vermont.

Information and Referral:
VCW offers both an on-line resource guide that helps Vermonters help themselves, and an information and referral service that gets the individual to the most appropriate and most local resource to resolve their issue. Our approach is to listen well, assist the client to prioritize needs, and then provide resources. These interactions help us identify gaps and take action. We often read or email excerpts from our handbook, The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont, first published in 1978, to clients to explain their rights and responsibilities. Our many other publications help Vermonters understand frequently-asked-about topics like family leave, sexual harassment or running for public office.

PUBLICATION TOPICS
Parental and Family Leave
Sexual Harassment
Equal Pay
Child Care
Workplace Laws
Domestic Violence in the Workplace
Getting Appointed to Boards & Commissions
Starting or Expanding a Business
Accommodations for Pregnant/Nursing Workers
The Legal Rights of Women in VT (handbook)

The Vermont Equal Pay Compact is our voluntary on-line pledge that enables Vermont employers to indicate their commitment to closing the wage gap.

VERMONT EQUAL PAY COMPACT
GET SMART. SIGN ON. END THE GAP.

Change The Story VT is our initiative with the Vermont Women’s Fund and Vermont Works for Women committed to fast-tracking women’s economic security in Vermont. Our partnership aligns policy, program, and philanthropy and engages others in this work.

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