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Newsletter

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News & Resources



Today is Vermont's Primary Election Day. Don't forget to vote! Polls close at 7:00 p.m.

Check your registration, find your polling place and even view a sample ballot for your district using the [My Voter Page](#) tool on the Secretary of State's website!

Vermont Works for Women announced their new Executive Director will be Wendy Rice

[Read the press release](#) to learn more about Wendy.

August is National Breastfeeding Month

To celebrate, CLASP has updated their [brief on breastfeeding, paid leave, and](#)

[lactation accommodations](#), and they've created this [infographic](#) about supporting breastfeeding with public policy.

The Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor released this [map explaining breastfeeding rights in each state](#).

Massachusetts passed a historic equal pay law, mandating equal pay for comparable work, and prohibiting employers from asking job candidates for their salary history

The law also provides incentives for employers to conduct salary reviews without fear of lawsuits. [Read more about it](#) from the Department of Labor.

Mary Powell Named Top 25 Most Influential Women by CEO Connection

This list recognizes the top 25 women in the U.S. based on their ability to influence change, innovation, and standards for excellence in companies with annual sales between \$100 million and \$3 billion. "It is humbling to be among so many bright and thoughtful women who are leading companies with cutting-edge and innovative solutions to meet our toughest challenges," [said Powell](#). "I hope this list inspires the next wave of female leaders to step up and lead."

The American Association of University Women has given Norwich assistant professor of criminal justice Elizabeth Gurian a 2016–17 AAUW American Fellowship

Gurian will [use the fellowship](#) to look into how cases involving women accused of murder are handled, including plea bargains, convictions and sentencing.

Vermont Department of Health Newsletter

The most recent [Vermont Department of Health Newsletter](#) has helpful information about staying hydrated, their 3>4>50 Vermont program, worksite gardens, and more!

Promise Community Initiative

Vermont's Child Development Division (CDD) invites community applications for the [Promise Community Initiative](#) by August 15. Communities are selected to participate are given support and resources to create an innovative plan that will transform their communities and improve school readiness for children with high needs. Communities are asked to connect with their [Building Bright Futures regional coordinator](#) to complete an application.

Funding Opportunities

Portable Benefits Planning Grants

The Women's Bureau (WB), U.S. Department of Labor announces the availability of approximately \$100,000 in grant funds for non-profits. This grant program is intended to increase retirement security for low-wage workers—many of whom have never had access to retirement benefits through an employer. [Learn more and apply by August 26th!](#)

Funding Available for Northeast Kingdom Organizations

Small grants, ranging from \$500 - \$5000 are available from the Vermont Community Foundation's Northeast Kingdom Fund. [Learn more and apply](#) by September 13th.

Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Funding

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation is accepting pre-applications until October 14th for it's [Grassroots Organizing for Social Change program](#), offering grants up to \$25,000 for

grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community-organizing and base-building strategies to accomplish their goals. Learn more and apply online.

Upcoming Events

20 Years After Welfare Reform: What's Next?

Thursday, August 18, from 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. online Google Hangout

Presented by CLASP and sponsored by the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, this event will include CLASP's Elizabeth Lower-Basch, along with several other experts who contributed to a forthcoming publication by the Shriver Center with reflections and recommendations on welfare reform. [Learn more and register.](#)

League of Women Voters of Vermont Summer Happy Hour

Thursday, August 18th from 5:30 TO 7:00 PM at NECI on Main, Montpelier

Celebrate the anniversary of the 19th amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote at the [League of Women Voters Happy Hour!](#) Join the League for a fun evening as we chat and get to know each other. Bring your friends. Refreshments and Cash Bar.

OUR HOUSE Sexual Violence Summit

Wednesday, September 14th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee

Registration is now open! Find list of presenters and workshops and [more information here.](#) The Conference will include a showing of The Hunting Ground: An

exposé addressing sexual assault on college campuses which follows two courageous activists as they unmask a nationwide cover-up. Cost is \$85 per person.

Cookies and Cocktails

Thursday, September 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Burlington International Airport

The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains are [hosting a fundraiser](#) featuring your favorite Girl Scout Cookies with local bartenders creating and serving one-of-a-kind specialty cocktails. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets cost \$25.00.

Victim Assistance Cyber Safety Workshop

Thursday, October 6, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

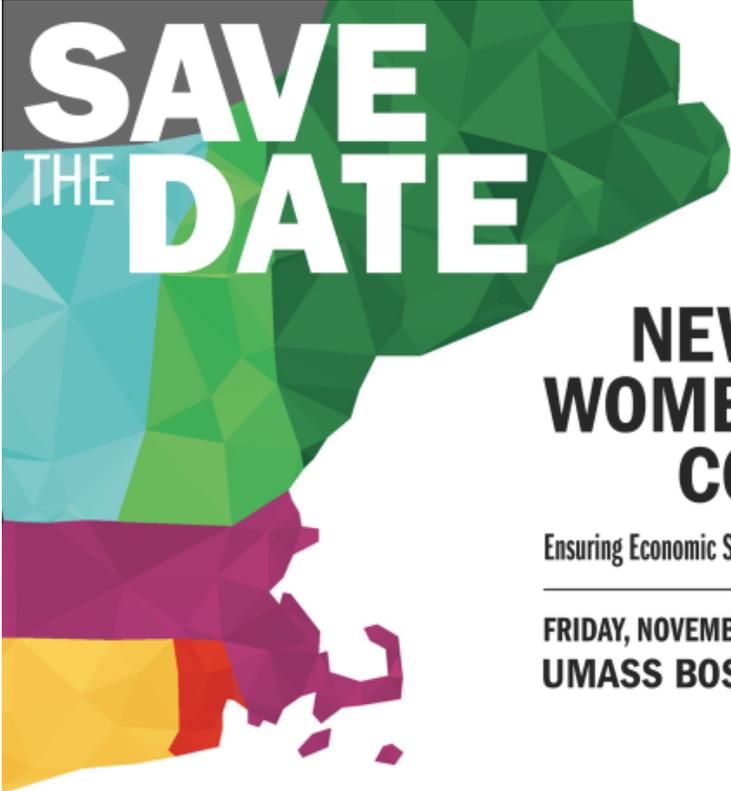
The National Organization for Victim Assistance is offering an [educational training opportunity](#) to raise awareness of Cyber Safety. This day-long workshop will equip participants on victim assistance for cases of Cyber crimes and offer ideas about remediation. This free one-day workshop will examine current and emerging trends on cyber safety.

Women Business Owner Network Fall Conference - Save the Date!

Thursday, October 19th, all day, at the State House, Montpelier

The theme of this year's [full day conference is, "Telling Your Story"](#), and we're happy to be back in central Vermont, in Montpelier, for the day. WBON has partnered with Change the Story and the Vermont Commission on Women to bring you the morning program, taking place in our Vermont Statehouse, in the beautiful and regal House Chamber. Following lunch, we'll continue through the afternoon

with workshops and...more details to follow...Stay tuned!



**SAVE
THE DATE**

2nd Biennial
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Ensuring Economic Security for All Women and Their Families

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016 | 8:30AM - 5:00PM
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