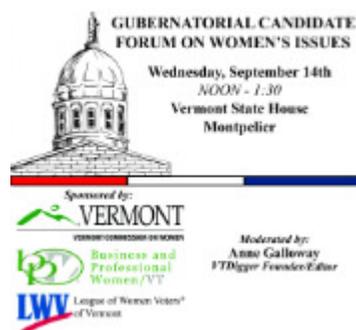




Vermont Commission on Women  
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Events Calendar & Newsletter

## VCW VIEW Newsletter – June 17th 2016



### Save the Date: Gubernatorial Candidate Forum on Women's Issues

Wednesday, September 14th at noon at the State House, Montpelier

Please mark your calendars: **Vermont Commission on Women, the League of Women Voters, and Business and Professional Women** will present a gubernatorial candidate forum on women's issues, Wednesday, September 14th at noon in the State House. **The moderator will be Anne Galloway of VT Digger.** What issues for women and girls would influence your vote for or against a candidate? **We invite your questions: [email us](#).**

### Recent Events & Resources

- **Resources for Comfort and Support for Vermonters Touched by the Mass Shooting in Orlando LGBTQ Nightclub**  
VCW stands with all who support the LGBTQ community and the family, friends, and loved ones of the deceased and injured. Learn more, support and connect with this community, including the amazing work of our own homegrown **Pride Center of Vermont** and **Outright Vermont**. Find **VCW's LGBTQ resource directory chapter here**.
- **If you have not yet read the [Stanford victim's statement to her attacker](#), it is powerful, unique, detailed and honest, and well worth the read.**
- Always fabulous and always free, **Senator Patrick Leahy's 20th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference** took place on Saturday, June 4th at Vermont Tech in Randolph. Keynote speaker this year was United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

Read her remarks focusing on the theme, “*When women do well, everybody does well*” [here](#). Sen. Leahy’s remarks featured our Change The Story initiative. Read them [here](#). VCW’s Cary Brown co-presented the workshop: Your Legal Rights in the Workplace with Julio Thompson of the Vermont Attorney General’s Civil Rights Division, and Karen Richards of the Vermont Human Rights Commission.

- **Just in Time for Father’s Day, a new report: [State of America’s Fathers](#).** Using never-before analyzed data and rolling out an ambitious set of policy recommendations, [State of America’s Fathers](#) links increased support for fathers as caregivers to a comprehensive strategy to advance equality and social justice and to improve overall family well-being. Read more [here](#).
- **Tillie Walden and Anna Sellheim** students at the Center for Cartoon Studies in WRJ recently **made cartoons to depict the care they received at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England**. View these cartoons [here](#).
- Read the [Institute for Women’s Policy Research](#)’s blog post, [Segregation in Federally-Funded Job Training Programs Contributes to the Gender Wage Gap](#). Gender segregation in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) job-training programs closely resembles patterns in the labor market as a whole. Gender segregation in job training programs has important implications for women’s long-term economic security. **One year after finishing WIA programs, women earned only 73.6% of what male program graduates earned.**
- The [Institute for Women’s Policy Research](#)’s initiative, Pathways to Equity, released a new report, [Narrowing the Wage Gap by Improving Women’s Access to Good Middle-Skill Jobs](#). This report addresses women’s access to well-paid, growing, middle-skill jobs (jobs that do not require a bachelor’s degree). It documents how gender integration of middle-skill jobs could both reduce skill-shortages and improve women’s economic security. For example, **533,000 jobs in the Advanced Manufacturing sector will be available in the next decade. Currently, only 7% of workers in that sector are women.**
- **Voice for Vermont’s Children** recently released [Education Matters: The Impacts of Systemic Inequity in Vermont](#). The report includes data showing that “gaps between low-income students and their peers are substantial. **Only 27 percent of fourth graders who were eligible for free/reduced-price school meals scored at proficiency levels on the math assessment, while 55 percent of their peers scored at this level.** The gap was only slightly smaller in reading assessments, where **30 percent of low-income fourth graders scored at proficiency levels, compared to 55 percent of their higher-income peers.**”
- **The Center for Women and Enterprise opened a Vermont office this spring**, and is offering many classes for start ups and small business owners scheduled this summer. Classes cost \$20-25 and registration is required. [Learn more, and find a schedule of](#)

[their classes here.](#)

- New training for health care providers: **Opioid Use Disorders: The Female Experience**. The number of women affected by opioid use disorder is rapidly increasing. **The percentage of women who abuse heroin has increased by 100% from 2002 – 2013.** Important **biopsychosocial gender differences exist** which are important for risk factors for developing the disease, trajectory of the disease, and treatment planning, retention, and continued recovery. After completing this Providers' Clinical Support System module, participants will be able to identify the changing demographics of heroin and opioid use disorders, discuss gender-related treatment issues including specific barriers to treatment for women and the impact of co-occurring disorders, and identify specific treatment concerns when treating pregnant women addicted to opioids. Viewers can then access more information, including an archived webinar.

## Upcoming Events

### **A Talk about Comics and Journalism by Sophie Yanow**

Thursday, June 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the VA Women's Clinic, White River Junction

The White River Junction's VA Women Health Clinic and the Center for Cartoon Studies, present a talk about comics and journalism with Sophie Yanow. Yanow is an instructor at the Center for Cartoon Studies, and has been published in *The Guardian* and *The Nib*. Please contact [Carey Russ](#), 802-295-9363 x5743 to sign up.

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### **FREE Dental Day for Veterans**

Saturday, June 25th at Aspen Dental in Brattleboro, Rutland, West Lebanon, and Williston.

Aspen Dental dentists and teams are pleased to bring free dental care to veterans nationwide on June 25. Interested veterans should call **1-844-ASPEN-HMM** to schedule an appointment in advance. During appointments on June 25, dentists will focus on treating the most urgent need of each veteran by providing free services – including fillings, extractions and basic denture repair – to help get them out of dental pain.

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### **North Country Society of Women Engineers Year End Celebratory Potluck**

Sunday, June 26th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Estate Beach Club, Driftwood Lane, Burlington

Come join SWE North Country on Lake Champlain's beautiful waterfront for an annual potluck picnic! Event will feature networking, great food, and a kid (and adult) friendly STEM activity. Families and significant others welcome. Please park on the street headed down to the bike path. What to bring: a dish to share, a warmer layer (it gets cool by the water in the evening).

[Register for free here!](#)

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### **2016 Vermont Suicide Prevention Symposium**

June 29th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at the UVM Davis Center, Burlington

This cross-agency statewide event brings together professionals, suicide attempt and loss survivors, and concerned citizens across all sectors for a day of learning from national experts on critical topics and skills in suicide prevention. The day is focused on the recommendations of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and the Vermont Suicide Prevention Platform using data-driven and evidence-based practices. [Registration: \\$125 per person](#). Use promocode: 10SAVE to save 10% off until June 20.

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### **Evolve Rutland Summer Series**

July 13 – August 17 (six Wednesdays) from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. at the CCV multi-purpose room, first floor, Rutland

Join Evolve for a summer series of networking lunches. The presentations will be a series of TED Talks featuring stories that professional women will want to hear and discuss. Each video will be less than 20 minutes long, but will include material to inspire, provoke, and expand participant's thinking. Registration includes a Moleskin notebook and lunch. Presenters include Sheryl Sandberg and Elizabeth Gilbert and New Voices in Leadership. [Registration is requested](#). Please make checks payable to Evolve c/o CFA/Far Vision 230 West St. Rutland, VT 05701. Cost: \$60.00 for six weeks.

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### **Save the Date for the Women Can Do Conference, Thursday, October 13th!**

[Vermont Works for Women's Women Can Do!](#) is a one-day career immersion experience for 9-12th grade girls from across Vermont. It features dozens of hands-on workshops and action stations highlighting careers in the skilled trades and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields.

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