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Vermont Information Exchange for Women

## Newsletter



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## News & Resources

### Welcome New Commissioner Lisa Senecal

A warm welcome to VCW's latest Commissioner, Lisa Senecal, appointed to serve by Governor Phil Scott. "Lisa's background and commitment to raising awareness for issues of importance to women, and leadership in advocating to advance opportunities for women will be a tremendous asset on the Commission and for its important mission," said Governor Scott. "I thank Lisa for her willingness to serve in this role, and as a leader in Vermont."

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Ms. Senecal is a marketing and communications professional and small business entrepreneur. A fourth-generation Vermonter, she attended Norwich University as a civilian student. It was there that she developed her voice as a women's advocate, being one of only a few women in most of her classes – an experience she considers invaluable both personally and professionally. She has launched and run three successful small businesses including an award-winning children's entertainment company and a New Media issue advocacy consulting firm. Today, she divides her time between large-scale event management, writing with an emphasis on issues of particular importance to women, and communications consulting.



The mother of two teenaged sons, Ms. Senecal has been volunteering in her sons' schools for more than a decade, serves on the Board of Trustees for the Stowe Education Fund, recently concluded work leading a year-long study on the viability of converting public schools to independent schools, leads fundraising initiatives for a variety of organizations, and served on the board of the Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley.

## **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission 2017 Report Released**

Vermont's multi-disciplinary Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission recently issued its [2017 annual report](#). The Commission collects data and conducts in-depth reviews of domestic violence-related fatalities with the goal of making policy recommendations to prevent future tragedies. With the assistance of Vermont Department of Health staff, this year's report features some new data and statistics.

## **Congrats to State Treasurer Beth Pearce on Being Elected President of National Association of State Treasurers**

The National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) announced that it has elected Vermont State Treasurer Beth Pearce as its 2018 President during the association's annual conference in Boston. [Read more from VTDigger.](#)

## **Early Care and Development Program Grant Announced**

The Vermont legislature appropriated an increase of \$2.5 million dollars in the 2018 State Fiscal Year Budget for child care. \$233,000 was used to update the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) income eligibility guidelines to align with the 2017 Federal Poverty Levels. The remaining \$2.2 million supports CCFAP by funding Early Care and Development Program Grants administered by the Child Development Division. Center and family child care programs that participate in Vermont's STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS) and provide services to a high number of CCFAP eligible children are eligible to receive these funds. [Click here](#) for details.

## **Northern Stage of White River Junction Charters \$1.25 Million BOLD Theater Women's Leadership Circle**

Women have never held more than 27% of leadership positions in American regional theater. A recent study carried out by Wellesley Centers for Women, revealed that the dearth of female theater leaders is not due to a lack of candidates but a clearly observed glass ceiling preventing women from assuming the artistic helm of professional theaters. The BOLD Theater Women's Leadership Circle, funded by the Pussycat Foundation and led by Carol Dunne, Producing Artistic Director of Northern Stage, will provide \$1.25 million in support for Northern Stage and four other theaters run by women artistic directors during the 2018-2019 season. The BOLD Circle's mission is to create a network of women artistic directors in professional theaters across the United States and empower them to address the issues preventing women from advancing in theater leadership. [Learn more.](#)

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## Employment Opportunities

### Orange County Child Advocacy Center Hiring Executive Director

Orange County Child Advocacy Center is accepting applications for an Executive Director. This is a professional position charged with implementing the overall mission of the Orange County Child Advocacy Center, serving all of Orange County, VT. This position is responsible for the administration of both the Child Advocacy Center as well as the Special Investigations Unit. The Executive Director oversees the forensic interviewer/case coordinator, handles personnel matters, program development, budget oversight, grant writing, and coordination with partnering agencies as well as community groups. A bachelor's degree in relevant field with a minimum of two years' experience working with children and families is required. Please send a letter of interest, resume, and three references to Parrish Eiskamp, Board Chair at [peiskamp@wrvsu.org](mailto:peiskamp@wrvsu.org).

### Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) is hiring to fill several positions including Executive Director

Other open positions include Director of Finance, Director of Child & Family Development Center, Central Manager, Teaching Assistants, and Bus Driver. [Learn more and apply.](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### Funds Available for Training to End Elder Abuse

The Office on Violence Against Women plans to fund projects that will support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects will provide training to criminal justice professionals to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; provide cross-training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; establish or support a coordinated community response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older. Awards up to \$400,000 available. Registration

## Victim Advocate Position

The Caledonia County State's Attorney's Office is seeking a Victim Advocate based in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. The position works to reduce the adverse impacts of criminal victimization to ensure fair and appropriate treatment of the victim by the entities with whom the victim may expect to interact (state's attorneys, law enforcement, courts, corrections, etc.). The victim advocate will make appropriate referrals for support and assistance to address issues that result from victimization and is required to manage caseloads in a timely and effective manner to ensure assistance to victims.

*Application deadline is 10/5, [learn more and apply.](#)*

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## Upcoming Events

### Kids Out Loud! Songs for a Strong Vermont

*[Saturday, October 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., City Hall Park, Burlington](#)*

Let's Grow Kids hosts this gathering to sing a new anthem for kids as a show of support for a strong start for all children—our future leaders, teachers, thinkers, and innovators! The event features a meet-up with music in City Hall Park, a community walk down the Church Street Marketplace and, at the top block, a "flash mob" performance of [the anthem](#) and extended concert sing-a-long with Vermont musicians and featured speakers. Digital participation possible.

### Crime Victims Forums

*[Tues. Oct. 3, Hartford Town Municipal Building](#)*

*[Tues. Oct. 10, St. Albans Town Educational Center](#)*

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[Wed. Oct. 18, Bennington Free Library](#)

[Wed. Oct. 25, Community College of Vermont, Newport](#)

[Wed. Nov. 1, Green Mountain Technical and Career Center, Hyde Park](#)

The Center for Crime Victim Services is hosting a series of listening forums around Vermont this fall to give victims and survivors of crime, including business owners and family members, a chance to speak out about their experiences in the criminal justice system. Local stakeholders and service providers will be on hand to listen and provide support. **All events will take place from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** and are free and open to the public. Vermonters can also participate by sending comments to [victimfeedback@ccvs.vermont.gov](mailto:victimfeedback@ccvs.vermont.gov).

## **Vermont Women's Fund Annual Celebration**

[Wednesday, October 4 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., UVM Davis Center, Burlington](#)

The Vermont Women's Fund's annual benefit will be moderated by Jane Lindholm of Vermont Public Radio and will feature *guest speakers Komal Minhas, producer of the film [Dream, Girl](#), and Tiffany Bluemle, director of [Change The Story Vermont](#)*. The annual gathering for the Vermont Women's Fund spotlights the work of the Vermont-based funder and its mission to advance the economic well-being of women and girls in the state. The Vermont Women's Fund is a component fund at the Vermont Community Foundation. *Tickets are \$50/person, \$10/students.*

## **The Big Reveal – Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter to Unmask New Identity**

[Thursday, October 5 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., College of St. Joseph](#)

A new name, a renewed commitment to end violence! Prior to the big reveal of their new name, enjoy a performance by Dr. Steve Taubman, The UnHypnotist, who will present his Hypnosis Extravaganza along with a powerful motivational message to help celebrate RCWNS' heritage and step into a new and exciting future. During this interactive program, Dr. Steve will demonstrate the power of the subconscious mind, share secrets for thriving during times of change, and help lighten up and laugh! The event will also feature live music by Blue Jay Way,

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magic, tarot card readings, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

## **Zero Weeks Film Screening and Discussion Series**

[Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m., Film House at Main Street Landing, Burlington](#)

[Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m., Latchis Theatre, Brattleboro](#)

[Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m., Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury](#)

[Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m., Middlebury College](#)

Main Street Alliance of Vermont and the VT FaMLI Coalition are hosting a series of free film screenings and panel discussions to highlight the need for a statewide family and medical leave insurance program. The panel discussions feature local business owners and community members who have been impacted by a lack of family leave. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panel. Weaving powerful emotional stories together with insightful interviews from leading policy makers, economists, and researchers, [ZERO WEEKS](#) lays out an argument for guaranteed paid leave for every American worker. The film looks at paid leave from an emotional, medical, financial and global perspective.

## **Twin State Derby Rookie Info Night**

[Thursday, October 5 from at 7:00 p.m., Great View Rollerskating, Enfield, NH](#)

See if being a roller derby skater or referee is in your future! Rookie Info Night is FREE and no roller derby experience or gear is needed! Wear athletic clothing and bring a mouth guard, water bottle, and positive attitude. All skaters must be 18+ to participate in Rookie Info Night. Those who enjoy Rookie Info Night and are ready to start basic skate skills training can join the Rookie Experience Program (REP), which starts every month so folks can join when it is most convenient for them. REP practices are twice per week. Participants will learn how to skate, receive instruction on roller derby rules and strategy, and have opportunities to get to know fellow rookies and veteran league members on and off skates.

## **American Nurses Association Vermont 2017 Annual Fall Convention**

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[Friday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Shelburne Museum](#)

This year's ANA Convention theme is "Celebrating the Balance of Mind, Body, & Spirit" and topics will include Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation; Healthcare Resources Grounded in Nature: Clinical Herbalism to Community Practice through Science, Spirit, and Activism; Presentation on Nurse Compact Licensure; and A World View of Complimentary Science and Spirit Practice. Tickets cost \$25 - \$60.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual UVM Women's Health & Cancer Conference**

[Friday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sheraton Hotel & Conf. Center, Burlington](#)

The University of Vermont (UVM) Cancer Center's annual Women's Health and Cancer Conference is now in its 20th year. The theme this year is "20 Years of Progress: Looking Forward." The goal is to empower participants to take control of their health and health care decisions. This means having access to good information about cancer prevention and detection, knowing the options available during treatment, and getting support to enhance survivorship. By offering an array of knowledge delivered by experts from the UVM Cancer Center and partners, they hope to provide participants with that knowledge. Participants don't need to have experienced cancer to feel welcome at this event and may be interested in prevention, screening options, attending in support of a loved one or seeking caregiver support. Primary care continues to be a focus at this conference. There are opportunities for physicians, nurses, physical therapists, radiologic technologists, social workers and other providers to strengthen their base of knowledge and broaden their horizons.

## **A Time to Be Born – One Day Saturday Express Workshop with DHMC**

[Saturday, October 7 from 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Lebanon, NH](#)

[Saturday, November 4 from 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Lebanon, NH](#)

[Saturday, December 2 from 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Lebanon, NH](#)

This one-day intensive class is held at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Women's Health

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Resource Center in Lebanon, NH and promotes a positive birth experience by preparing the expectant mother and her support person for the labor and birth process. A variety of comfort techniques will be taught, including relaxation, positions and movement, hydrotherapy, breath awareness, vocalization, and touch. This course will also cover the use of medications and what to expect during labor and birth. Please note that two 15-minute breaks and 45 minutes for lunch will be provided for participants to go out on their own or bring a brown bag lunch. \$125 per couple.

## **Birth Love Family Fest**

[Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Lotus Mountain Retreat, Bolton Valley](#)

Birth Love Tribe presents the first annual Birth Love Family Fest, featuring Myra Flynn! Attend inspirational birth and parenting workshops, stretch to yoga with Susan Cline Lucey, and build a community of family and friends. The festival offers dynamic kids activities with SunCommon bounce house, breastfeeding room with an available lactation consultant, local non-profit and a vendor village with information and services to enhance the family experience, and a delicious organic cafe. After party with live music by Conscious Roots and pizza at Bolton Valley's Fireside Flatbread! Participating organizations include Let's Grow Kids, Bolton Valley, Main Street Alliance and SunCommon. Tickets cost \$0 - \$25.

## **UVM SToPP5k Walk/Run to End Sexual Assault on Campus**

[Saturday, October 7 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., University of Vermont](#)

SToPP is a walk/run event hosted by The New Agenda Foundation to engage college students, campus administration, and other advocates in raising awareness of, and transforming behavior related to, sexual assault on campus. Registration costs \$10 - \$80.

## **LunaFest Film Festival**

[Saturday, October 7 from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Main Street Landing Film House](#)

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Lunafest is a national film festival that features short films by, for, and about women. This year, Vermont's Lunafest will be hosted by [Girls on the Run Vermont](#) and funds raised from the evening will go to their Every Girl Fund, which helps ensure that our local girls, and future leaders of Vermont, have access to their affordable and award-winning after-school empowerment program — with additional financial assistance for those that need it the most. The benefit will feature short films that cover a range of topics — from motherhood and mental growth to relationships, aging, and health. The guest speaker for the evening will be Karen Newman, a world-class triathlete, cancer and eating disorder survivor, author, and dietitian. An inspiration to so many, Karen will speak about her past experience with bullying, body issues, physical fitness, and her health. Tickets cost \$40.

## **Connecting Health Insurance & Ag Viability Webinar**

[\*Tuesday, October 10 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., online\*](#)

Learn how the cost of health care can threaten farm and ranch viability and effect beginning farmer and rancher growth. **UVM Extension hosts this webinar featuring** research results based on interviews, focus groups, and surveys of farmers and ranchers across the US. This webinar is designed for Extension, tax, financial, legal, health and other professionals who work with farmers or ranchers and their families. Participants gain new tools to help farmers and ranchers make informed decisions about incorporating health care costs into their operations.

## **Poverty in an Unequal Economy – and What We Can Do About It**

[\*Thursday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Main Street Landing's Film House, Burlington\*](#)

Poverty impacts our communities in both big and small ways. And many of us have experienced poverty at one time or another in our lives. Equity Solutions brings people together for a deeper understanding of the root causes of poverty and economic inequality so that we are ready to implement innovative and equitable responses in our work and communities. This workshop will cover poverty in a vastly unequal economy; our personal place in this reality; how an equity lens is an

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excellent tool for change; and equitable solutions. Sliding scale fee of \$5-100.

## **Mercy Connections Women's Small Business Program Getting Serious: Intro to Self-Employment**

[Thursdays, October 12, 19 & 26 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Mercy Connections, Burlington](#)

Do you have a business idea? Explore self-employment in a safe and confidential environment. In this 3-week class, participants discover whether business ownership is right for them by examining current ideas or creating new ones while clarifying entrepreneurial goals. Together, develop an action plan for next steps.

## **Translating Identity Conference**

[Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., UVM Davis Center](#)

The Translating Identity Conference (TIC) is the largest trans-specific conference in the Northeast, bringing together various vendors and community members to discuss issues of identity and beyond. TIC explores a wide array of topics in discourses regarding gender and transgender identities, expressions, communities, and intersections. This year, TIC welcomes keynote speaker Chris Mosier, an athlete, coach, and educator, and the founder of TransAthlete.com. In 2015, he became the first openly trans man to make a Men's US National Team. Following the national championship race, he was instrumental in getting the International Olympic Committee policy on transgender athletes changed, and in June 2016 he became the first trans athlete to compete in a world championship race under the new rules, where he was the second fastest American man in his group.

Registration is free but limited.

## **Paws for a Cause Benefit**

[Saturday, October 14 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Gardner Memorial Park, Newport](#)

Umbrella presents this first annual dog walk and pet fair, a fundraising event to

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raise awareness about the connection between domestic violence and animal abuse. The event is family-friendly fun and will feature pet-related vendors! Registration is \$10 per dog.

## **Namoli Brennet Live at the Hooker Dunham! | A Green Mountain Crossroads Fundraiser**

[Saturday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m., Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery, Brattleboro](#)

Dubbed, "Among the best folk-rock artists in the US" by the Tucson Weekly, transgender songwriter Namoli Brennet has been touring the US since 2002. A recent Iowa transplant, Brennet was based out of Arizona for over a decade and her music still carries some of the stark, persistent beauty of the desert. She cites influences from Patti Smith to Patty Griffin, and Zocalo magazine calls her music, "Gorgeous and introspective." Brennet was named in the inaugural Trans 100 list, has been nominated for 4 OutMusic Awards and had her music featured in the Emmy-Award Winning film "Out in the Silence." Green Mountain Crossroads connects rural LGBTQ people to build community, visibility, knowledge, and power. \$17 in advance. \$20 at the door.

## **Women's Health Initiative Skills-Based Training: Insertion and Removal of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception**

[Wednesday, October 18 from 7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Vermont Health Access, Williston](#)

Vermont Blueprint for Health welcomes all providers to a free in-person skill-based training "Insertion and Removal of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception," featuring expert faculty from the University of Vermont Medical Center and Merck certified Nexplanon Trainers. Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) methods include the intrauterine device (IUD) and the birth control implant. Both methods are highly effective in preventing pregnancy, last for several years, and are easy to use. Faculty will lead attendees through a dynamic curriculum featuring a mix of didactic presentations and experiential learning.

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## **Ladies Get Paid: Taking the Plunge Town Hall on Entrepreneurship**

[Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Contois Auditorium, Burlington](#)

Starting and running your own business is hard work! This town hall will feature women sharing their stories and together, strategizing about better advocating for themselves and each other in the rewarding world of entrepreneurship. At each town hall, they ask their anchors to share their stories, and then open the discussion to the room, and encourage everyone to share or ask something. Tickets cost \$15.

## **6th Annual Vermont Vision for a Multicultural Future Conference**

[Thursday and Friday, November 2-3, The Putney School](#)

Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity and The Putney School have space this year for fifteen teams of no more than three people each from any agency, organization, or business. At least one member of each team must have budgetary or policy oversight responsibility. The conference registration fee is \$285 per participant.



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