



## **Berkshire County Commission on the Status of Women**

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**Regional Area:** The Berkshire County Commission on the Status of Women represents all cities and towns in Berkshire County including Adams, Alford, Becket, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, Mount Washington, New Ashford, New Marlborough, North Adams, Otis, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Sandisfield, Savoy, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Williamstown, and Windsor.

### **Highlights and Accomplishments for FY23**

- Reestablished our commission and our presence in the community
- Attended the November MCSW Public Hearing in Pittsfield where several of our BCCSW commissioners spoke
- Contacted community partners with the intention of expanding our visibility and to invite them to commission meetings for conversations regarding strategic partnerships.
- Held a commission retreat for the purpose of team-building, getting to know each other, setting goals, and planning our first legislative event as a new group
- Attended the April GELI event hosted by MCSW in Worcester
- Attended the May 31st Advocacy Day hosted by MCSW in Boston
- Attended the MCSW 25th Anniversary event on June 22nd in Boston

### **Goals for Next Fiscal Year**

- Host a legislative event in the fall to discuss our regional priorities
- Host a public hearing or listening session in early winter or early spring
- Continue to invite community partners to our meetings to discuss strategic partnerships
- Plan a forum on a topic of importance to women and girls in Berkshire County