



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

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**Regional Area:** The Bristol County Commission on the Status of Women represents all towns in Bristol County including Easton, Raynham, Mansfield, Norton, Attleboro, North Attleborough, Seekonk, Rehoboth, Swansea, Somerset, Dighton, Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Acushnet, Fairhaven, Freetown, Berkley, and Taunton.

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

- We hosted a series of listening sessions across Bristol County that have attracted 40+ attendees. Our findings are guiding our regional legislative priorities and helping us make decisions regarding what resources to advocate for based on what our communities and constituents are needing.
- We hosted two very successful community networking events where state legislators, local leaders, and community organizations gathered for intimate conversations on the needs of women in our communities and how best to support them.
- We are in the process of launching our youth advisory council and will be seeking applications over the summer.
- We co-sponsored an event hosted by Girls, Inc. in Taunton and promoted the launch of our girls council.

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

- Host a retreat for team-building and strategic planning
- Strengthen outreach and branding
- Advocate and support commissioner stipends