

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 FY25

- Bristol County had a great showing at MCSW's Advocacy Day on March 24th with over 110 attendees, including regional commissioners, community partners, and local student groups.
- BCCSW joined sister regional commissions, Eastern Regional and Plymouth County, on March 26th to co-host a film-screening and panel discussion on the topic of black maternal health. This event was held at Bristol Community College in Taunton and was well attended.
- BCCSW continues to strengthen its community presence by partnering with local women-serving organizations to co-host events that focus on women in leadership, girls' initiatives, and issues that better the lives of women and girls living in Bristol County.
- BCCSW is proud of its current commission leadership team, one of the strongest in years.

Goals for Next Fiscal Year

- Bristol County CSW (BCCSW) looks forward to welcoming a new group of commissioners and hosting a planning retreat for team building, regional orientation, and goal setting.
- BCCSW will continue to strengthen community outreach and commission branding.
- BCCSW looks forward to partnering with girl-serving organizations in the county to identify youth leaders to help plan and facilitate a girl's listening session.
- BCCSW is planning a regional legislative meeting with state legislators.