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Colleagues,

The [Utah Women & Leadership Project](#) (UWLP) has a number of women and leadership announcements this month:

First, we are releasing a new brief today titled "[The Status of Women Leaders in Utah Nonprofits: A 2018 Update](#)." We appreciate the Utah Nonprofit Association for their partnership on this research project. We also have a [new infographic](#) that highlights some of the results of our 2017 [Cosmetic Surgery and Body Image Among Utah Women](#) research snapshot.

Second, the final *Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series* event for this academic year is scheduled for March 7, 2018 (6:30-8:30pm) at Utah Valley University. It is titled "[Strengthen Your Impact in the Community: Conversations that Matter](#)." The event is designed for women (12 years and older), and influencers (including men) are welcome to join us. [RSVP Online Now](#). More details are on the Utah Women & Leadership Project [homepage](#). We plan to live stream/Facebook live some of the sessions. The keynote will be given by President Matthew and Paige Holland (as one of their final presentations to the community), and then attendees will choose from one of five workshops (presenter information and session descriptions can be found on the [event flyer](#)):

1. Finding Opportunities as Young Women to Serve in the Community
2. Poverty and Homelessness in Utah: What Can I Do About It?
3. Sexual Assault in Utah: Shining a Light on a Serious Issue
4. Promoting Literacy in the Home and Community: We All Have a Part
5. Essential Tools for Preventing Suicide & Helping to Save a Life

Third, Provo Girls Summit, March 8, 2018 (6-8pm) @ Provo Library, introduces girls (8-12 years old) to women in various professions--judge, clinical psychologist, construction director, 3d artist, veterinarian and many more--and allows them time to dialogue. Register for free at [Eventbrite](#). More information at [provogirlssummit.com](#) and find us on FB and IG @provogirlssummit. This event was a big hit last year and girls loved it!

Fourth, videos from the UWLP fall events can now be found on our [video page](#) (including the very popular She Talks). Thanks to the Utah Education Network (UEN) for their editing and partnership. In addition, we have a newly updated list of [camps and summer programs](#) for Utah girls and young women (this was a popular feature last winter; please send us links to any others that you know about that are not on our list).

Fifth, the [Women's Influence Center](#) in St George (one of our partners) is hosting the 2nd annual Ignite Your Influence women's conference on Friday and Saturday, February 9-10, 2018. This year's theme is The Power of Unity. The fun starts Friday night at a celebratory awards dinner for recipients of the Woman to Watch, Woman of the Year, and Champion Award. The conference continues all day Saturday with a keynote by the electrifying Mary Crafts, sessions on entrepreneurship, leadership, coaching and mentoring, and wellness, a legislative update from the YWCA, and lots of networking and connection time. Find more information and registration links on the [Women's Influence Center facebook page](#) and contact the [Women's Influence Center](#) with questions. See our [Community Calendar](#) for women's gatherings and events from all women's groups and associations across the state.

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Sixth, if you haven't seen it before, the 2017 report, "[The Status of Women in Utah: Economic Choices & Challenges](#)" (by Diane Meppen and Anna Bergevin from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute) is a really important qualitative study for the state based on focus groups around Utah. It was commissioned by the Women in the Economy Commission and is being utilized to help guide policy this session. We have this and other published research about Utah women [here](#).

Finally, if you are interested in following bills in the 2018 Utah legislative session that impact women and families, you can join the YWCA Utah [tracker and newsletter](#), connect with the [Utah Women's Coalition](#), and check out the [Women in the Economy Commission](#). Also, if you are up in the Heber City area you can join us for [an event](#) there for girls/women the evening of March 28, 2018.

Have a great February!

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