



Resource Round-Up

April 2023

A newsletter of news, training, and resources in support of anti-trafficking in Maine.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR FUND

THE FUND

The Fund is a flexible, accessible, and timely source of funds to support the immediate needs of victims of trafficking as they seek to increase their safety and start a new life.

Direct service providers and law enforcement officers from across Maine can apply to access these funds on behalf of individuals who have a demonstrated need and who are victims of sex trafficking, labor trafficking or commercial sex exploitation.



NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAINING

National Organization for Victim Assistance Annual Training

A banner for NOVA's 49th Annual Training Event. The background is a photograph of a city street at night with colorful neon lights. Overlaid on the image is text in white and yellow. At the top, "NOVA'S 49th Annual Training Event" is in white. Below that, "New Orleans Marriott" is in white on a green rectangular background. Underneath, "July 31-August 3, 2023" is in white on a yellow rectangular background. In the center, "REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. In the bottom right corner, "Power of Connection" and "#NOVA49" are written in white.

NOVA'S 49th Annual Training Event
New Orleans Marriott
July 31-August 3, 2023
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
Power of Connection
#NOVA49

NOVA's 49th Annual Training Event is scheduled for July 31 – August 3, 2023 in New Orleans!

This year, our theme is the Power of Connection. NOVA's premier training event will be attended by approximately 1,700-2,000 victim assistance professionals from around the world! By engaging with your colleagues and community during this event, you will invest in yourself and the amazing field of victim services.

Choose from almost 100 different workshops, hear from dynamic keynote speakers, earn up to 19 CEUs and network with allied professionals.

In an effort to remain accessible to the NOVA community, we are offering both an in-person and virtual conference this year!

NOVA's 2023 Virtual Training Event will take place September 18-22, 2023. Our curated selection of popular workshops are provided live and online, and online registrants will enjoy the pre-recorded videos of the keynotes at NOVA's (in-person) 49th Annual Training Event in New Orleans.

Watch live or enjoy the recordings on your own time (available for 90 days). And don't worry! Our virtual conference offers the same number of CEUs as the in-person event.

Register [here](#)

Housing Older Survivors of Human Trafficking Webinar

by the Freedom Network USA



During this webinar attendees learned the following:

- The intersection and importance of serving older human trafficking survivors in need of housing.
- Unique needs and challenges faced by older and aging survivors and ways providers may accommodate these needs.
- Best practices and standards of care when working with older survivors.

Check out the webinar recording [here](#)

Radical Nonjudgment in Survivor Advocacy: Harm Reduction in Practice

Webinar by the National Survivor Network



For a long time, anti-trafficking work focused on the sex trades has prioritized ending sex work and exit from the sex trades as the only solutions, without recognition of how this approach replicates carceral harms, puts survivors into greater contact with law enforcement, doesn't account for root causes of exploitation, and messages sexual shame and stigma. What if we practiced radical nonjudgment? What if we set aside our own personal feelings about sex work and met the person in front of us where they are, without stigma, without shame, without projecting our expectations of what they need or want onto them?

This panel will address: – What do we mean by “radical nonjudgment”? – What is harm reduction? What is it not? – How do we bring an intersectional lens to the practice of harm reduction? – Why is a harm reduction approach essential when working with people in commercial sex across the spectrum of agency, including trafficking survivors? Moderated by Chris Ash, this panel brings together experts with a wealth of experience: Emi Koyama, Rose Kalemba, Sinnamon Love, and Chibundo Egwuatu.

Check it out [here](#)

Take a look at additional webinars and toolkits in the National Survivor Network resource library [here](#)

A SANE Approach to Human Trafficking Cases Webinar by AEquitas

SANE as a Witness



Fact

- Explain role of SANE & medical-forensic exam
- Describe observed injuries, test results, medical care provided
- Refer to patient's demeanor during all phases of exam

Expert

- Health risks of sex and labor trafficking
- Findings from medical exam and interpretations
 - "Were your findings consistent with patient's history?"

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) are invaluable collaborative partners in a prosecutor's response to human trafficking. Victims of sex and labor trafficking are at risk of serious injury, as well as short- and long-term physical and psychological health consequences, and SANEs provide much-needed medical care to these patients. Trafficking investigations and prosecutions are also enhanced by the addition of SANEs to a multidisciplinary team. SANEs document injury, collect evidence, and provide critical insight into medical issues and survivor responses to trauma that can educate criminal justice practitioners and jurors alike.

Co-presented by SANE and prosecutor subject-matter experts, this presentation demonstrates the value of collaboration in trafficking cases. The SANE explains the health risks associated with sex and labor trafficking, the content of a medical forensic examination, and documentation of victim statements and demeanor. The prosecutor provides strategies to improve the investigation and prosecution of trafficking cases by using SANEs as fact and expert witnesses and litigating the admissibility of victim statements under the medical hearsay exception.

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be better able to:

- Enhance prosecutions by ensuring that victims of sex and labor trafficking are provided meaningful access to health care and injuries and medical history are documented
- Articulate the role of the SANE in providing medical-forensic exams
- Present medical evidence and expert testimony at trial

Check it out [here](#)

Take a look at additional webinars in the AEquitas resource library [here](#)

NEW RESOURCES

Meaningful Engagement of People with Lived Experience Toolkit

by the National Survivor Network

Meaningful Engagement of People with Lived Experience



A framework and assessment for measuring and increasing lived experience leadership across the spectrum of engagement

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This toolkit outlines the Lived Experience Engagement Spectrum, explains how to move your organization up the Lived Experience Inclusion Ladder, gives practical tips on how to address common barriers to meaningful lived experience engagement, and offers 30+ pages of surveys, tools, and evaluation guidance you can use to measure your organization’s progress toward meaningful survivor engagement.

Check it out [here](#)

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Take It Down Website

by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children



The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has officially launched an exciting new tool for survivors of online child sexual abuse. The groundbreaking platform, aptly named, Take It Down, allows users from around the world to submit a case to help remove nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit photos and videos depicting a child under 18 years old from the surfaces of participating electronic service providers.

Take It Down works by assigning a unique digital fingerprint, called a hash value, to specific images or videos. When tech platforms sign up to participate, they are provided these hash values so they can detect and remove the imagery on their public or unencrypted sites and apps. This all happens without the image or video ever leaving a device or anyone viewing it. At launch, Facebook, Instagram, MindGeek, OnlyFans and Yubo are participating in the new program.

Since the initial launch in the end of December 2022, more than 200 cases have been submitted. We hope that you will join us in spreading the word about this exciting new tool! Please share this with the parents and trusted adults in your life and encourage them to do the same, to help us expand on programs like Take it Down and reach even more at-risk teens.

Check it out [here](#)

Building Trauma-informed Practices for Anti-Trafficking Housing Programs Toolkit

by the Freedom Network USA

Trauma-Informed, Voluntary, and Survivor- Centered Foundation



This toolkit aims to provide a framework that anti-human trafficking providers offering housing services can utilize to build trauma-informed, person-centered, and voluntary housing programs for trafficking survivors.

Check it out [here](#)

Take a look at additional webinars and toolkits in Freedom Network USA's resource library [here](#)

Empowering Survivor Leadership in the Movement
from The National Survivor Network

SURVIVOR IS NOT A JOB DESCRIPTION OR SKILL SET.

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Write training, support, and
professional development
for survivor consultants into
your budget.

Our theme for Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month was 31 Days of Change to Empower Survivor Leadership in the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement.

Each day of the month, we shared a recommendation for movement change that could empower survivor leaders. Many days were recommendations for nonprofit organizations and managers; some days were recommendations for survivors rethinking how they want to engage in this work. We are delighted to share this information here. We recognize that these practices may be aspirational for some organizations, and that change sometimes happens incrementally. We invite you to join with us in making steps, big and small, toward meaningful change to empower survivor leadership!

Check out the recommendations [here](#)

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From Jail, to Bail, to Sale: Trafficking and the Criminal Justice System

Recorded Webinar from AEquitas



This presentation identifies trafficking schemes that involve recruitment from local jails and prisons, as well as from court-sanctioned treatment programs as an alternative to incarceration. The presenters focus on strategies to address victim safety concerns and investigate and prosecute trafficking that intersects with the criminal justice system. Throughout the discussion, the presenters underscore the importance of trauma-informed practices and a multidisciplinary response that includes meaningful access to survivor-led programming and low-barrier services, including appropriate healthcare.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify how traffickers identify, recruit, and coerce victims from jails, prisons, and court-ordered programs.
- Investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases in which victims have intersected with the criminal justice system.
- Collaborate with allied professionals to overcome barriers and provide meaningful access to justice for systems-involved victims.

Check it out [here](#)

Take a look at additional webinars in the AEquitas resource library [here](#)

[Survivor Storytelling Workbook](#)

from The National Survivor Network

SURVIVOR STORYTELLING WORKBOOK

for advocates with lived experience
working in the many movements to end violence



The NSN is thrilled to release our Survivor Storytelling Workbook, co-authored by Sabra Boyd and Chris Ash. In the anti-trafficking sector, it is often assumed that survivors will want to tell their trauma stories “for the greater good.” And in the movements to end sexual and partner violence, it is often assumed that professionals will not want to share their trauma stories publicly, or even their survivorship! But what does this mean for survivors? How does this impact the kinds of stories they feel obligated to tell, and their willingness to explore and assert their own boundaries?

This workbook offers practical guidance and considerations for survivors wanting to explore where their boundaries are around public storytelling, how to leverage their stories for impactful advocacy, and how to craft a compelling, survivor-developed story appropriate for each audience.

Check it out [here](#)

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For referrals to Maine services or to report a tip:
The National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-373-7888

The Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network provides training, technical assistance, and resources to direct service providers engaged in anti-trafficking efforts in Maine, as well as community awareness and public policy support.

Maine STEN is a program of the **Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault**.

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