

Resource Round-Up

April 2019

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

NEWS



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News Center Maine - April 24, 2019

"So yes, you shouldn't accept friend requests from people on Snapchat you don't know. That's true of any social media site. And you definitely shouldn't choose to share your location with people on Snapchat you don't know. But, there is no evidence to suggest you're at risk of being picked up by a sex trafficking ring if you do."

[Maine Senate votes to prevent minors from being charged with prostitution](#)

BDN - April 25, 2019

"A bipartisan majority of the Maine Senate voted on Thursday to endorse a bill that would prohibit people younger than 18 from being charged with engaging in prostitution, following 20 other states... 'The assumption is that minors engaged in prostitution are victims of sex trafficking. We need to help them,' Sen. Cathy Breen, D-Falmouth, said. 'We do not need to threaten them with arrest to help them.'"



A man walks toward the State House in Augusta in February 2019.

Troy R. Bennett / BDN

RESOURCES

[The Future of Healing: Shifting From Trauma Informed Care to Healing Centered Engagement](#)

Medium, May 31, 2018

"A healing centered approach to addressing trauma requires a different question that moves beyond 'what happened to you' to 'what's right with you' and views those exposed to trauma as agents in the creation of their own well-being rather than victims of traumatic events."

Medium Psychology



[Scholarships for survivors of human trafficking](#)
Sun Gate Foundation



Sun Gate Foundation, a non-profit, survivor led organization based in Virginia, is currently accepting applications for scholarships for Fall 2019. The deadline to apply is June 1st, 2019. Please email scholarships@sun-gate.org for more information and an application.

Shining Light on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: A Toolkit to Build Better Understanding
Youth Collaboratory

This 18 module toolkit by Youth Collaboratory is a resource for multidisciplinary professionals, policy makers, volunteers, faith communities, and all others involved in anti-trafficking work. Each module explores topics related to commercial sexual exploitation of children by asking the questions: "what?", "so what?" and "now what?".



Who Experiences Violent Victimization and Who Accesses Services
Center for Victim Research

"Overall, the patterns discussed in this report reinforce the view that the vast majority of survivors do not access the services intended for them, and that the need for victim services is greatest in the poorest communities, regardless of whether those communities are located in urban, suburban, or rural locations. But the findings also suggest the need for more nuance to this conversation, and a critical examination of why the characteristics of those most likely to experience certain types of serious violent victimization do not align with those most likely to access services, or current expenditures in the field."

Table 4. Prevalence Comparison of Serious Violent Victimization in the Highest and Lowest Risk Groups, 2010-2015

Highest Risk Groups			Lowest Risk Groups		
Persons: less than 35 years, living in urban areas, with household incomes < \$25,000			Persons: 55 and older, not living in urban areas, with household incomes > \$74,999		
	Male	Female		Male	Female
White	13.5	11.5	White	1.2	1.1
Black	15.4	13.1	Black	1.6	1.3
Hispanic	11.4	9.7	Hispanic	1.2	1.0
Other	12.3	10.5	Other	1.3	1.1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMCC Criminal Justice Department holds Human Trafficking Awareness Conference
WABI - April 19, 2019

"...The idea for the conference came from a woman who knows first hand what it's like to live in a world of violence. 'It happens in your backyard and it's a real thing. So, it's something we all need to be cognizant and aware of,' said Molly, a sex trafficking survivor."



CourageLIVES offers lifeline for human trafficking victims

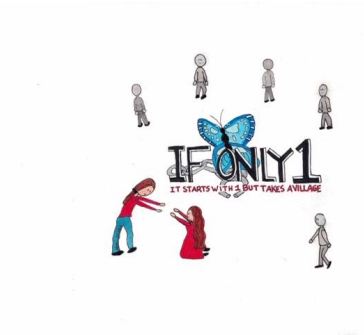
Journal Tribune, April 1, 2019

"We want everyone to know that we are a resource



for people with questions or concerns related to trafficking and exploitation,' (Carey Nason) said. 'We work with someone to identify their needs as well as their strengths and resources in all areas of their lives, whether that be housing, basic needs, education, work, family, spiritual, social, physical health or mental health.'"

EVENTS



Changing the Lens from Surviving to THRIVING!

May 17, 5:30pm-8:30pm

East Auburn Baptist Church

Celebrate survivors during an evening of remarkable stories, shared food, and a silent auction. Come prepared to learn, celebrate, and be inspired to create change. For more information or to donate auction items, contact [Tricia Grant](#). There are no tickets, but donations are appreciated. Bring a potluck item if you can, and if not, just bring you!

Now & Next: The 2019 World Without Exploitation

May 22-23, 2019: Washington D.C.

This conference convening in Washington, D.C., brings together a national community of WorldWE members and allies to explore what's new and what's next in the movement to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation. With a four-part focus on direct service, legal advocacy, communications & storytelling, and trauma stewardship, Now & Next will be both aspirational and practical, homing in on actionable ways to make the movement more effective.



It's time for a new narrative.

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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