

# **Resource Round-Up**

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

### NEWS

Biddeford man, woman accused of sex trafficking Bangor Daily News - August 5, 2018

"'Our local priorities include domestic violence and guns, human trafficking, and elder fraud,' (Halsey) Frank (U.S. District Attorney) said in January. 'We will work with our federal, state, local and tribal partners to focus on those who pose the greatest threat to the people and communities that we serve.'" Biddeford man, woman accused of sex trafficking



Boston man stopped in Kittery pleads guilty to sex trafficking Portsmouth Herald - July 25, 2018

"Kittery police Lt. John Desjardins said Maine State Police put out a 'stop and hold' on Sabree's vehicle traveling south on I-95. A Kittery officer noticed the vehicle near exit 2, he said, and conducted a traffic stop. When the female passengers were identified, authorities initiated an investigation into sex trafficking."

### Uber as a tool to fight sex trafficking? Here's how that would work

The Modesto Bee - August 15, 2018

"Educating 1,400 pairs of "eyes on the street is huge," said Debbie Johnson, founder and chief executive officer of Modesto-based Without Permission, which fights sex trafficking. "For me, that is the first line for something that I know would impact the community, impact potential victims, impact law enforcement."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Hope Rising is Hiring

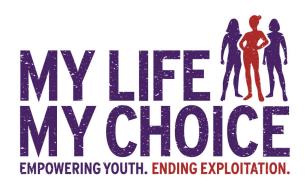
Hope Rising, a residential program serving female survivors of trafficking, is hiring for fulltime Residential Staff. See the full posting for this position <u>here</u>.

#### Maine STEN Survivor Support Fund Needs Our Help!

The Maine STEN Survivor Fund is a flexible, accessible, and timely source of funds to support the immediate needs of victims of trafficking and exploitation as they seek to increase their safety and start a new life. This fund is currently empty, can you help? Please share this <u>link</u> and if you can, make a donation <u>here</u>. Donations of any size are welcome!

#### **Trafficking Prevention Program Increases in Maine**

In collaboration with Maine STEN and local anti-trafficking teams statewide, <u>My Life My</u> <u>Choice</u> came to Maine to train 34 new facilitators in its sex trafficking prevention curriculum. Teams of facilitators are able to provide the 10-week psycho-educational group in their communities. The program is designed to reduce risk factors for femaleidentified teens and foster healthy relationship and communication skills. For more information on the My Life My Choice programming in Maine or to get connected to your local team of facilitators, contact <u>Maine STEN</u>.



## RESOURCES

Working in the Shadows: Labor Trafficking in the New Unknown August 23, 12:00-1:00 EDT

The New England Coalition Against Trafficking's webinar will provide an overview of legal protections for victims of labor trafficking, specifically related to immigration status and new immigration policies. To learn more about this webinar or register <u>click here</u>.



Human Trafficking and Individuals with Disabilities September 5, 1:00-2:30 EDT

This is a live 90 minute webinar from National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center that looks at emerging trends, case studies, and best practices when providing services to people with different abilities and might be experiencing trafficking. Register for the webinar <u>here</u>.



#### The Impact of Human Trafficking in Native and Tribal Communities

This is a recorded webinar from the Office for Victims of Crime discussing what sex and labor trafficking looks like for native and tribal communities and exploring culturally appropriate resources and collaboration methods for non-native, non-tribal anti-violence efforts. You can find the link to this webinar <u>here</u>. It is the the first option listed under "Capacity Building Webinars for Human Trafficking Service Providers".

### **EVENTS**

Interdisciplinary Service Provision For Forced Migrants and Survivors of Torture University of Maine Glickman Library Event Room September 12, 2018 - 9am-5pm The Office of Maine Refugee Services is hosting a day long training with the Bellevue/New York Survivors of Torture team. The training examines effective treatment techniques and builds knowledge around providing culturally diverse and appropriate services. For more information on this event and to register please <u>click here</u>. An entry fee is required.

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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