

Resource Round-Up

December 2018

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

BUILDING AWARENESS

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month!

Help us raise awareness about human trafficking in Maine by sharing what you want your community to know. Here is how you can get involved:

- [Print a sign](#)
- Fill it out
- Take a picture of the sign with you (or a pet, landscape, or all three!)
- Send the picture to Jess@mecasa.org
- Wait for it to appear on the [Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Facebook Page](#)
- Share with your friends!

Preventing human trafficking
is important to me because

#htawarenessmonth



Supporting Anti-Trafficking Efforts in Maine:
Volunteer opportunities for organizations & groups who want to join anti-trafficking efforts in their communities

Human trafficking is a complex issue that requires a community-wide response. If you are a community-based group interested in being a part of these efforts, here are some recommendations for how to contribute in a meaningful way to work that is currently happening here in Maine.

Educate Yourself!
Before hosting an awareness night or starting a fundraiser, do some homework on the issue to learn what is happening in Maine and the basic elements of human trafficking. Resources for that include:

- **Human Trafficking in Maine: Identification and Response Training:** Maine's local multidisciplinary anti-trafficking teams offer a statewide victim-centered and empowerment-based training, and include interactive, skills-building sessions informed by Maine-based expertise and resources. You can request a training for your agency or group through this site.
- **Sex Trafficking in Maine: Values, Roles and the First Maine Human Trafficking Needs Assessment** (both found at mainesten.org)
- **Human Trafficking in the United States:** Visit the Polaris website for additional resources.
- **Reach out to your local anti-trafficking team** to find out the needs are specific to your community and what services they would recommend. Email info@mecasa.org for contact information.

Volunteering
intervention

Since there are very few trafficking-specific organizations in Maine and many confidentiality and safety concerns, the opportunities to work directly with survivors are few. That said, every domestic violence

Get involved to support trafficking efforts in Maine

Want to get involved in supporting anti-trafficking efforts but aren't sure how? Doing anti-trafficking work that others want to support but they aren't sure where to start? Share [Supporting Anti-Trafficking Efforts in Maine](#), a guide for people who want to help. If you have other volunteer, outreach, or fundraising opportunities let us know! We would love to feature them and help you get connected to the community.

EVENTS

[Anti-Trafficking Awareness Day at the State House](#)



Thursday, January 10th, 2019
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Survivor's Speak USA at the State House for the annual Anti-trafficking Awareness Day event. Statewide partners

will discuss how we can create a Maine where survivors can thrive. The event is located in the Hall of Flags.

Human Trafficking Awareness & Education Event

January 14th, 2019: 5pm-7pm
Bangor Public Library - Minsky Lecture Hall

Join PENQUIS START at the Minsky Lecture Hall for a presentation of the statewide "Human Trafficking in Maine: Identification and Response", a victim-centered and empowerment-based training. The training includes interactive, skills-building sessions informed by Maine-based expertise and resources.



Film & Discussion

January 16th, 2019: 6pm
Bates College - Lewiston, Maine



The Androscoggin County Human Trafficking Collaborative will be hosting a viewing of a human trafficking film, followed by a community discussion. Join them at Bates College in Pettigrew Hall in Room 300.

Human Trafficking Awareness Event

January 22nd, 2019: 12pm-2pm
University of Maine Orono - Memorial Union

Hope Rising and other members of the PENQUIS START team will be tabling at the University of Maine Orono in Memorial Union in honor of human trafficking awareness month.



Film & Discussion: Very Young Girls

January 24th, 2019: 5pm-7pm
University of Maine Orono - Bumps Room



Hope Rising and the University of Maine School of Social Work are hosting a film and discussion. Very Young Girls, a film on commercial sexual exploitation of children, will be shown at University of Maine on January 24th. Hope Rising and other members of the PENQUIS START team will join in a panel discussion following the film.

Health Care Response to Human Trafficking

January 31, 2019: 9am-4pm
Augusta, Maine

Human trafficking impacts thousands of people across the globe, the United States, and Maine. To promote understanding of and effective responses to this serious problem, the New England Coalition Against Trafficking, Preble Street, the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) program, and the UNE Advanced Nursing Education (SANE) program are cosponsoring Health Care Response to Human Trafficking, a day-long



conference in Augusta on Thursday, January 31.

Leading national and regional speakers from the healthcare profession, as well as a survivor of human trafficking, will speak on:

- Statewide human trafficking trends
- Survivor needs and co-occurring disorders
- Identification within the health care setting
- Collaboration strategies

NEWS



LOCAL

[Sex Trafficking Survivors Watching Clemency Case](#)

December 21st, 2018 - News Center Maine

"While trying to survive on the streets, (Catherine) Wilson says she slept with a knife under her pillow to protect herself from johns. She believes Cyntoia Brown, who is earning a degree behind bars, deserves a second chance and could be a powerful voice for sex trafficking victims throughout the country."

[Concord Couple Accused of Running Chinese Sex Ring Jailed](#)

December 19th, 2018 - Patch

"The couple used the Chinese messaging app WeChat to contact the women and promised they would earn 'hundreds' of dollars a day working as prostitutes across Northern New England, prosecutors claimed.

'This inaccurate and inflated figure did not incorporate operating costs and payments that were expected to be made to the (Li and Miao) ... for their roles in facilitating the prostitution,' prosecutors wrote in court documents."

[Concord Couple Accused Of Running Chinese Sex Ring Jailed](#)

New Hampshire authorities said Shou Chao Li and Derong Miao recruited prostitutes over WeChat and pimped them out through backpage.com.

By Jason Carley | Dec 19, 2018 2:34 pm ET



[Boston man who forced Maine women to work as prostitutes gets 17 years](#)



The Edward T. O'Connell U.S. Courthouse building in Portland as seen in the March 22, 2018, BDN file photo. BDN/ROBING | BDN

[Boston Man who Forced Maine Women to Work as Prostitutes Gets 17 years](#)

December 6th, 2018 - BDN

"A Massachusetts man who admitted to forcing two women to work as prostitutes in exchange for drugs was sentenced Thursday in U.S. District Court in Portland to 17 years in prison. By pleading guilty, Sabree admitted that he forced two Maine women to engage in

commercial sex in exchange for heroin...Sabree verbally abused both victims and threatened to withhold the drug from them if they did not work as prostitutes 'knowing that the victims would begin to go into withdrawal, become physically sick, and suffer severe pain,' court documents said."

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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