

Resource Round-Up

October 2018

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

PERSPECTIVES

[At Philly health and re-entry conference, activists tout benefits of decriminalizing sex work](#)

WHYY - October 6, 2018

"Poor health care and criminalization of sex workers feed into each other to create a cycle, said Marsoopian, now an organizer with Project SAFE Philadelphia... 'When you are frequently having — especially with sex work and low-level drug offenses — short stays in incarceration, it disrupts any kind of engagement in preventive health care,' said Marsoopian. That, in turn, leads to poor health outcomes."



NEWS

[Lewiston man, 35, charged with aggravated sex trafficking](#)

News Center Maine - October 24, 2018

"(Police Sgt. Jim) Theiss said the operations allow for a collaborative effort by Lewiston PD and its social service partners such as the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services and Safe Voices to assist those being sexually exploited to receive need counseling and treatment."

[Dozens gather to raise awareness about human trafficking](#)

WABI - October 21, 2018

"Dozens of people gathered at Monument Square for the Walk for Freedom to end human trafficking. The walk is put on by a global anti-trafficking organization. They hope to raise awareness for the millions of men, women, and children..."

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By News Desk | Posted: Sun 7:48 PM, Oct 21, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to help
trafficking survivors
start a new life?

The STEN Survivor Support Fund: *There when survivors need it most.*

You: *A person who cares and can help today.*

Visit mainsten.org/survivor-support-fund to donate.



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 [link](#) and if you can, make a donation [here](#). Donations of any size are welcome!

RESOURCES

Beyond the White Van: The Realities of Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Rural Communities

November 5, 2018 - 12:30-2:00

As one of the most rural states in the country, we know that media portrayals of sex trafficking often aren't representative of Maine communities. This webinar takes a close look at how sex trafficking and sex exploitation might look different in rural areas and how your multi-disciplinary team can respond effectively.

Advancing Research Initiatives and Combating and Human Trafficking Epidemic

November 1, 2018 - 1:00-2:00

This resource will look at adjusting policies and priorities to best serve victims of labor and sex trafficking. This webinar is a resource by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service.



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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