

## **Resource Round-Up**

September 26, 2018

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

### **PERSPECTIVES**

# Advocates react to sex-trafficking arrests in Lewiston

WMTW - September 21, 2018

Advocate and survivor leader, dee clarke, shares her thoughts on the recent sextrafficking arrest in Lewiston.

Hailey Virusso is sex trafficking and exploitation safe house program manager, on behalf of Safe Voices.



Hailey Virusso

# SESTA-FOSTA Discussion Paper National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

NAESV explores the impacts of SESTA-FOSTA, the federal legislation that became law in April 2018. The summary provides a good synopsis of the controversy surrounding the law and highlights the changes the bill underwent before becoming law.



## Commit to ending personal exploitation

Sun Journal - September 23, 2018

Hailey Virusso writes: "As a social worker, I see the trauma, the resilience and the circumstances that create such inherent vulnerabilities. As a victim's advocate, I see the system restraints, the criminalization of victimization and the need for impactful social policy change. And as a human being, I see another human being."



### **NEWS**

#### Lewiston cracking down on sex trafficking not prostitutes

Sun Journal - September 24, 2018

"Ethically, as prosecutors, we have a duty to make sure that what we're doing is in the interest of justice. And you've got these folks here who very well may be presenting as having committed a criminal offense, but if there was further investigation behind it, you

may say, 'Holy smokes!' There's a much bigger fish behind this that's at play here."

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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

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

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### **Hope Rising is Hiring**

Hope Rising is seeking a full time Assistant Director of Human Trafficking Programs. This position is responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of Hope Rising, which provides residential services and community support for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation.

# 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 <a href="Link">Link</a> and if you can, make a donation <a href="here">here</a>. Donations of any size are welcome!



### **RESOURCES**

Case Management Approaches to Support Trafficked Victims/Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

This <u>recorded webinar</u> from Futures without Violence's looks at the intersections of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking. It provides approaches for responding as case managers and advocates that involve coordinating multi-disciplinary responses to meet the needs of trafficking survivors.

How Not to Be a Square: What I've Learned Walking Alongside Trafficking Survivors

This <u>recorded workshop</u> focuses on survivor experiences, relationship building as responders, and building competency around the culture of trafficking. You can find more webinars on working with youth and adult survivors <u>here</u>.



# 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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