

Resource Round-Up

August 2019

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

PERSPECTIVES

[Can Marriott Employees Combat Sex Trafficking? Why Sex Workers Don't Think So](#)

Refinery 29 - August 14, 2019

"Telling the public, including hotel employees who don't have expertise in trafficking, that they can help fight trafficking by being aware and reporting anything that seems off is essentially an open invitation for people to give voice to their paranoia and discomfort, and causes them to express racism that they would otherwise keep to themselves."

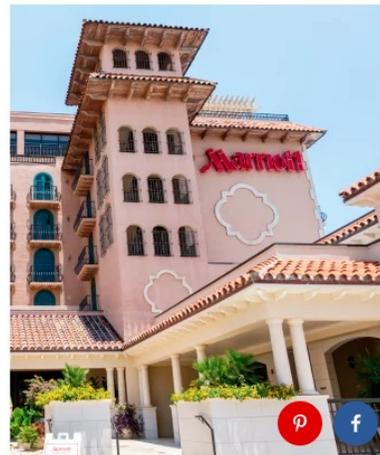


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NEWS

GLOBE MAGAZINE
Immigrant students learn hard lessons about racism at a historically white high school in Maine

Rapid demographic changes have brought racial tension to cities like Auburn. At one school, immigrant students have been documenting their experiences.

By Mike Eisen-Rooney and Ashley Chausse The Teacher Project, August 14, 2019, 8:02 am



Barbara Zabin, an English Language Learner from Syria, heads to class. (PAT GREENHOUSE / GLOBE STAFF)

[Immigrant students learn hard lessons about racism at historically white school in Maine](#)

Boston Globe - August 14, 2019

"Brandon Baldwin, who directs a civil rights team project at the Maine attorney general's office, has received more reports of racism in Maine schools this past academic year than during any of his 12 years in the position. 'The reports are from all parts of the state, at all age levels,' he says. In most cases, Baldwin adds, 'the targeted youth have been black.'"

[New federal program could help youths aging out of foster care in Maine](#)

The Times Record - August 2, 2019

"Leah McDonald, teen services director at

Preble Street, said she sees many youths who have aged out of foster care in the shelter. "We see firsthand that the trauma of homelessness intensifies the challenges of connecting to stable housing. For young people experiencing homelessness, there are so many risks. Homeless teens are more likely to attempt suicide; 70 percent of homeless youth report experiencing some kind of violence including sexual assault; and the likelihood of being coerced into sex or labor trafficking increases."

New federal program could help youths aging out of foster care in Maine

Vouchers could provide housing for as many as 25 young adults in Greater Portland.

| August 02, 2019

BY ERIC RUSSELL
Portland Press Herald



Judge sentences sex trafficker to more than 26 years in prison



Edward T. Coghlan United States Courthouse

Troy R. Bennett | BDN

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Bangor Daily News - August 7th

"A convicted sex trafficker whose victim told hospital personnel in late 2015 that she'd 'rather die than keep going back to that man' was sentenced Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Portland to 26 years and eight months in federal prison."

Man, woman arrested for sexual assault, trafficking of a child in Rumford

News Center Maine - July 24th, 2019

"Walker was charged with two counts of gross sexual assault of a child, one count of sexual misconduct with a child, one count of sexual exploitation of a minor, and one count of patronizing the prostitution of a minor. Ringuette was charged with one count of accomplice liability to gross sexual assault of a child, one count of sexual exploitation of a minor, and one count of aggravated sex trafficking of a child."



Immigration Advocates In Portland Say Wording of General Assistance Rule Could Exclude Some People

Maine Public - July 26, 2019

"Stickney says others immigrants, including some victims of human trafficking, may not be eligible under the rules as written, either. 'It's clear from her statement that she expected them to be included, but under the rule as written, they would not be included if they were applying affirmatively for a trafficking visa under USCIS,' Stickney says."



Cyntoia Brown, Victim of Sex Trafficking, Released from Prison after 15 Years

Feminist Daily Newswire - August 7, 2019

"Advocates have highlighted how institutional racism and discrepancies in the criminal justice system criminalize black and brown girls by labeling them as prostitutes when they are victims of sex trafficking. According to the [Bureau of Justice](#), more than 1,000 children are arrested for prostitution every year in the United States."

RESEARCH

Police are 'Failing' Human Trafficking Survivors: Study

The Crime Report: August 1, 2019

The Crime Report highlights an important [new study](#) about the challenges law enforcement face with human trafficking, published by John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Northeastern University. This article and the study's abstract feature four recommendations for improvement.

Police are 'Failing' Human Trafficking Survivors: Study

By Andrea Cipriano | August 1, 2019



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Implementing Shared Decision Making with Child Trafficking Survivors

HEAL Trafficking

"The United Nations [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) calls for every child to have the right to self-determination, dignity, respect, non-interference, and the right to make informed decisions...These rights are rarely afforded to sexually exploited children due to the well-meaning, yet paternalistic notion that youth are incapable of making smart decisions for themselves. We propose a novel approach to engaging and empowering youth victimized by human trafficking by adapting and applying the medical model of Shared Decision Making (SDM) to increase youth voice and participation in treatment and placement planning decisions."

Steps of SDM ⁽¹⁾	Application to CSEC ⁽³⁾
Acknowledge Options Provider informs patient that there is a decision to make. Informs patient of options	Safe placement options are identified: Ex. Youth can live with grandmother, in foster care home, or in a CSEC group home.
Discussion of Risks & Benefits Provider discusses options with patient, including provider & patient-perceived risks and benefits	Service provider explains options; discuss provider and youth-perceived risks and benefits of each option
Values Clarification Provider guides patient in clarifying values, preferences, and concerns related to each option.	Youth voices questions, concerns, and/or opinions about each option and processes with provider. Ex. youth may value being close to family, but fear negative peer influence
Use of Decision Aids⁽⁴⁾ Provider uses decision aids (tools used to facilitate these conversations)	Decision Aids and Values Clarification Tools can be adapted for engaging CSEC youth in making placement decisions
Informed Preferences Patient makes an informed decision based on personal values and preferences as well as provider insight and collaboration	Ex. Youth expresses preference for living with grandmother, and expresses wants and needs for safety and support in this placement.

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RESOURCES

PEARR Tool

HEAL Trafficking, Pacific Survivor Center, and Dignity Health

This tool was developed in response to research from domestic violence that showed that education and not screening is more impactful for the lives of survivors. Here you'll find resources for health care providers on how to embrace the universal



education approach when working with potential victims of violence.



Evidence-Based "CUES Intervention" to Address IPV/Human Trafficking in Primary Care Settings, and Tools for Ryan White-Funded HIV Programs
Futures without Violence - Recorded Webinar

This webinar looks at shifting the way health systems respond to survivors away from screening and toward centering resiliency and healing-centered engagement.

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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