

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



Dee Clark, left, and Deaura Noll of the Maine Chapter of Survivors Speak were among those who discussed human trafficking at Thursday news conference at the State House. Staff photo by Joe Plesch

[Advocates push for law to vacate convictions of human trafficking victims](#)

Portland Press Herald - January 10th, 2019

"When you think of the individual survivors and how it affects their lives, that is really what we are talking about: to be able to move forward with their lives,' Clarke said. 'It matters if you have a criminal record. And it matters even how you feel about yourself if on one hand some will say you were victimized, but the world still says you're a criminal.'"

[Experts: Trump's tape-bound trafficking claim is misleading](#)

CNN - January 28th, 2019

"I have worked on human trafficking on multiple continents in multiple countries for more than two decades, and in all the work that I've done with trafficking victims, I have met one who was actually kidnapped and thrown into a car,' Martina Vandenberg of Washington D.C.'s Human Trafficking Legal Center said. 'It is much easier to coerce people through threats to their families. It is much easier to convince someone that they are heading towards a better life.'"



[Man accused of sex trafficking a minor in Bangor, Scarborough pleads guilty](#)

BDN - January 17th, 2019

"A Biddeford man pleaded guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Portland to one count of conspiracy to commit the sex trafficking of a minor. By pleading guilty, Isaac 'Henny' Suero, 22, admitted that, in April 2017, he convinced a 15-year-old girl he had met online to work as a prostitute in Bangor and Scarborough, according to court documents."

[How Hotel Employees Are Trained to Spot Human Trafficking](#)

Teen Vogue - January 25th, 2019

"By educating and empowering our global workforce to say something if they see

something,' Arne Sorenson, president and chief executive officer of Marriott International, said in a statement, 'we are not just standing up for the most vulnerable in society, we are also protecting associates and guests as well as living up to a core company value — serving our world.'"



How Hotel Employees Are Trained to Spot Human Trafficking

Everyday people are on the front lines.

RESOURCES & TRAININGS

[Diversion from Justice: A Rights Based Analysis of Local "Prostitution Diversion Programs" and their Impacts on People in the Sex Sector in the United States](#)

"The Sex Workers Project welcomes the release of [these reports](#)," said Jessica Peñaranda, Director of Movement Building at the Sex Workers Project and lead contributor to the report on the HTICs in NYC. 'As an organization that directly serves individuals who engage in sex work by choice, circumstance or coercion, as well as survivors of human trafficking, some of whom have gone through the HTIC system, we know that state institutions continue to traumatize and harm communities every day through policing and criminalization. The approach of 'diversion' programs fails to understand and address root causes of poverty, vulnerabilities of marginalized communities, and cycles of state violence.'"

Diversion from Justice: A Rights-Based Analysis of Local "Prostitution Diversion Programs" and their Impacts on People in the Sex Sector in the United States

A Working Paper
by the Global Health Justice Partnership
of the Yale Law School and Yale School of Public Health
in cooperation with
The Sex Workers Project of the Urban Justice Center

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[Law, Otherness, and Human Trafficking](#)

Jonathan Todres - Georgia State University College of Law

"This article suggests that a central reason for the limited success in preventing human trafficking is the dominant conception of the problem, which forms the basis for law developed to combat human trafficking. Specifically, the author argues that "otherness" is a root cause of both inaction and the selective nature of responses to the

abusive practice of human trafficking. Othering operates across multiple dimensions, including race, gender, ethnicity, class, caste, culture, and geography, to reinforce a conception of a virtuous 'Self' and a devalued 'Other.'"

[Freedom Network USA National Human Trafficking Conference](#)

March 20th-21st, 2019 -
Alexandria, Virginia

"Freedom Network USA will host its 17th annual human trafficking conference on March 20-21, 2019 in Alexandria, VA. Grounding and Growing: Tools for a Powerful Anti-Trafficking Movement, will focus on growing the skill-set of human trafficking professionals while exploring better ways to collaborate toward the collective goal of ending human trafficking. New this year, FNUSA will offer sessions developed in



collaboration between FNUSA staff/members and our law enforcement partners. This includes a free training prior to the conference on March 19th focusing on victim-centered investigations. Law enforcement officials must pre-register here. Questions can be sent to Melinda Smith at melinda@freedomnetworkusa.org."



[Assessment Tool for Health Care Provider Human Trafficking Training](#)

The [Laboratory to End Human Trafficking](#) and HEAL Trafficking have partnered to create an assessment tool for health care provider human trafficking training. This tool was developed to assist teams in assessing how comprehensive and trauma-informed their training is as well as other areas for improvement. Click [here](#) to request a copy of this tool.

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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