

## Resource Round-Up

July 2019

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

### PERSPECTIVES

#### Sex trafficking defendants have a new face - white, wealthy, and well-connected

Los Angeles Times, July 18, 2019

"As the trafficking concept broadens, it also risks ensnaring victims and other collateral parties, targeting them with more severe federal penalties and disproportionately impacting communities of color. And this trend may make it more difficult to move effectively against defendants like Epstein, whose alleged conduct it was clearly meant to punish."



United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Geoffrey Berman speaking at a news conference about the arrest of Jeffrey Epstein on July 8. (Jason Szenes / EPA/Shutterstock)

#### Sex Trafficking and the Social Construction of Race

Social Science Research Council

"In 2016, residents of Twin Falls, Idaho, were in the grip of a moral panic about Syrian refugees abducting white women into sexual slavery, despite the fact that no Syrians had settled in Twin Falls. One Twin Falls resident wrote, "My girl is blond and blue-eyed. I am extremely worried about her safety." From the early twentieth to the early twenty-first century, narratives of sex trafficking have proven to be extremely effective and durable vehicles for racist and anti-immigrant discourse."



#### Judith Butler: When Killing Women Isn't a Crime

New York Times, July 10th, 2019

"Collectives are formed through a realization of a common social condition and a social bond, one that recognizes that what is happening to one life, whether it is violence, debt or subjection to patriarchal authority, is also happening for others. And though they may happen in different ways, the patterns are there, and so also are the grounds for solidarity."



Judith Butler at home in Berkeley, Calif. Brian L. Frank for The New York Times

## NEWS

### **Biddeford man sentenced to 9 years for sex trafficking 15-year-old**

by Judy Harrison, BDN Staff | Friday, June 28th 2019



Handcuffs and jail bars/stripes (MGH)

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WGME, June 28th

"In April 2017, Suero convinced a 15-year-old girl he had met online to work as a prostitute in Bangor and Scarborough, according to court documents. Suero paid for motel rooms, ads on Backpage.com and took a third of the money she earned, according to the prosecution version of events to which he pleaded guilty. The girl kept two-thirds of the payments."

## RESOURCES



### **Let's Talk Runaway Prevention: Stories from the Field**

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National Runaway Safeline  
Recorded Webinar

"Learn about the importance of prevention and ways you can collaborate with the National Runaway Safeline. We will explore best practices on using our free Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum to help your youth build resiliency. You will also hear from panelists who use Let's Talk, their success stories and how they implemented the curriculum within their programming."

### **The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girl's Story**

"This 2015 report exposes the ways in which we criminalize girls — especially girls of color — who have been sexually and physically abused, and it offers policy recommendations to dismantle the abuse to prison pipeline. It illustrates the pipeline with examples, including the detention of girls who are victims of sex trafficking, girls who run away or become truant because of abuse they experience, and girls who cross into juvenile justice from the child welfare system."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

**Salvation Army's Freedom 5k**

July 29, 2019:7:30am  
Old Orchard Beach High School

Run or walk with your family and friends for a great cause supporting the Salvation Army's Anti-Human Trafficking programs in Southern Maine. [Click here](#) to register or learn more.

### Safe Voices is Hiring!

Safe Voices is hiring for a Safe House Program Manager. The Trafficking Safe House Program Manager is responsible for providing direct supervision to all safe house shelter staff, program management oversight and coordination of all daily safe house operations. To learn more, visit [their website](#).



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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