



Resource Round-Up

June 2022

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

NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAINING

[International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference](#)

Virtual Conference September 21st-23rd

[Register here](#)



Since 2004, The International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference has been bringing together researchers, practitioners, and individuals with lived experience in an effort to lay the groundwork for future collaborative research, advocacy, and program development.

To date, the trafficking conference has welcomed thousands of attendees from 50 states and 47 countries to learn from researchers, survivors, and social service, health care, and criminal justice professionals about human trafficking and social justice topics.

Recently, there have been many new and exciting opportunities for expansion regarding the conference, which includes a name change because of a larger mission. In 2015, the conference title was changed to the International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference. The concept of social justice will expand topics at the conference to include many of the injustices seen in the world today.

We greatly appreciate those who have brought the conference this far. Change is hard, but is also necessary. All are welcome to join us in sharing knowledge and diverse perspectives at the conference. Our conference has a maximum of 12 continuing education credits for social work, counseling, marriage & family therapy, chemical dependency, nursing, health education, public health, occupational therapy, DODD, and law.

Blue Campaign Training Resources



General Public Indicators Training Course

Learn to recognize and report suspected human trafficking in general public settings.

**Blue Campaign
General Public
Indicators Training
Course**



First Responder Training (FEMA)

Learn to recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking as a first responder.

**Blue Campaign First
Responder Training
(FEMA)**



Disaster Responder Training (FEMA)

Learn to recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking as someone trained in disaster response.

**Blue Campaign
Disaster Responder
Training (FEMA)**

Blue Campaign has a number of newly released videos and interactive training resources. These trainings cover a variety of topics, including human trafficking recognition and response, how to protect yourself from victimization, and the use of a victim-centered approach for law enforcement. There is a training for everyone. Explore them today:

- [First Responder Training](#): Learn to recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking as a first responder.
- [Disaster Responder Training](#): Learn to recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking as a disaster response volunteer or professional.
- [Convenience Retail Employee Training](#): Learn to recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking as a convenience retail employee.
- [Youth Professional and Caretaker Training](#): Learn to recognize and respond to the suspected human trafficking of children and young adults, and ways to prevent victimization among youth. This information is for adults working with or caring for youth.
- [Campus Law Enforcement Training](#): Learn to recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking in a campus environment using a victim-centered approach. This information is for campus law enforcement and public safety officials.
- ["Choices" Course](#): Learn how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of human trafficking through this interactive course.
- ["Changes" Course](#): Learn to recognize and report human trafficking as a member of the general public through this interactive course.
- ["Consequences" Course](#): Learn the consequences of engaging in human trafficking activities through this interactive course.

For more information, visit bit.ly/3Kjti7z.

NEW RESOURCES

[OVC Graphic Novel Series for Child Victims and Witnesses of Human Trafficking](#)



Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials

Human Trafficking

The Office for Victims of Crime has created Graphic Novels to support youth victims and witnesses of Human Trafficking. These materials are intended to teach child and youth victims of trafficking between the ages of 12–18 about

- how the justice system works,
- what their rights are,
- the roles of the different practitioners they might meet, and
- how they can cope with the difficult feelings they might have.

Each graphic novel includes excerpts from individuals with lived experience, who offer support and information to the reader who might find themselves in a similar situation.

[Check out the resources here.](#)

Trauma Informed Policies & Procedures for Housing Programs

Recorded Webinar from [The Freedom Network](#)

TRAUMA INFORMED POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

Presenters: Cassandra Eng, Julie Butkowski
Moderator: Shakeria Dominique
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022, 3:00-4:30 PM EDT

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Freedom Network
Training Institute

This webinar provided an overview of best practices when creating trauma-informed policies and procedures for housing programs. Attendees learned how to incorporate a trauma-informed lens into their documentation, such as intake forms and screening tools.

[Check out the webinar here.](#)

Additional Resources:

1) Rights-Based Approach in Housing for Survivors of Human Trafficking:

<https://freedomnetworkusa.org/app/uploads/2019/02/Human-Rights-Based-Approach-Fact-Sheet-Final.pdf>

2) Housing Training & Technical Assistance Page:

<https://freedomnetworkusa.org/training/housing-project/>

3) Freedom Network USA Resource Library:

<https://freedomnetworkusa.org/training/resource-library/>

Transphobia and Human Trafficking

Blog post from [The Freedom Network](#)

"Uplifting transgender survivors' voices also looks like hiring more transgender people. Rook Hine from Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine, one of our member organizations, shared, "I'd really like every human trafficking and sexual assault agency that doesn't have at least one trans or nonbinary employee on their staff to reflect on why that remains the case."

[Check out the blog post here.](#)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR FUND UPDATE

THE FUND

[The Fund](#) is a flexible, accessible, and timely source of funds to support the immediate needs of victims of trafficking as they seek to increase their safety and start a new life.

Direct service providers and law enforcement officers from across Maine can apply to access these funds on behalf of individuals who have a demonstrated need and who are victims of sex trafficking, labor trafficking or commercial sex exploitation.



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](#).