

Resource Round-Up

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

PERSPECTIVES



Illustration by Koren Shadmi

[Sex, lies, and surveillance: Something's wrong with the war on sex trafficking](#)

Engadget - May 31, 2019

"Silicon Valley's biggest companies have partnered with a single organization to fight sex trafficking -- one that maintains a data collection pipeline, is partnered with Palantir, and helps law enforcement profile and track sex workers without their consent. Major websites like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and others are working with a nonprofit called Thorn ("digital defenders of children") and, perhaps predictably, its methods are dubious."

[Could Prostitution Be Next to Be Decriminalized?](#)

New York Times - May 31, 2019

"We've learned this lesson many times with the prohibition of alcohol, or criminalization of abortion, or even the criminalization of marijuana: The black market creates dark circumstances and provides cover for a lot of violence and exploitation," said Kaytlin Bailey, a comedian and former prostitute who serves as the spokeswoman for Decriminalize Sex Work, which was founded last year."



[More states should follow new Colorado policy on wage theft](#)

The Hill - May 30, 2019

"This law will allow us to better combat crimes against workers, including labor trafficking." His office is not the only one starting to take wage theft and other employer crimes more seriously. Many prosecutors across the country have begun



to prosecute employers for a host of criminal acts against their workers."

RESOURCES

[Fact Sheet: Data on racial inequality shows need for solutions to advance racial justice](#)

Maine Center for Economic Policy

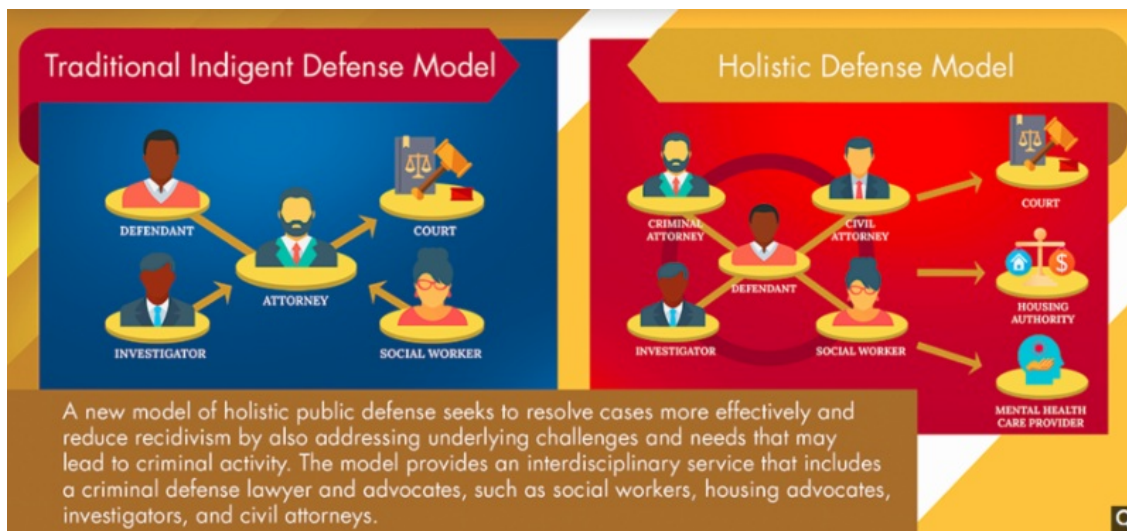
Research published in a recent fact sheet by the Maine Center for Economic Policy provides details on the extent of racial inequality in Maine. The data is broken down into four categories: economic security, education, health access, and criminal justice.



[Holistic Representation](#)

Rand Corporation

This research explores an innovative approach to defending poor clients that can reduce incarceration and save taxpayer dollars - without harm to public safety. How do they do it? By supporting defendants holistically! Read some takeaways in [the brief](#).



[Mental Health News Radio](#)

MHRN Network

These podcasts are designed to advocate for mental health and normalize mental illness. Listeners have the option of listening to over 50 different channels, making MHRN the world's first and largest podcast network with the sole focus of mental health. Check out [this episode on resilience](#).



Access to State Benefits in Maine for Survivors Based on Immigration Status

Check this updated chart about how immigration status impacts various benefits of survivors. Remember, immigrant survivors of qualifying crimes may also qualify for the [Maine Human Trafficking Survivor Fund](#).



Access to State-Funded⁹ Public Benefits in Maine for Survivors,

Based on Immigration Status⁹

By: Monica Bates and Leslye E. Orloff⁸

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	VAWA Self-Petitioner ^d	Refugee, Asylee, T Visa ¹	T Visa ^{2/} Continued Presence ³	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) ⁴	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) ⁵	U Visa (Upon wait list approval) ⁶	U Visa Applicants	Undocumented
	Qualified Immigrant ⁸		HHS Certification	Lawfully Present			Limited Benefits Eligibility ⁷	
TANF	Eligible with prima facie determination,	<u>Refugee/Asylee</u> : Eligible for TANF regardless of date	Human trafficking victims eligible: with HHS	Not eligible. ¹⁶	Eligible after receiving lawful permanent	Eligible after receiving lawful permanent	No federal eligibility. ²⁵	Not eligible. ²⁴

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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