



Resource Round-Up March 2024

A quarterly e-newsletter of news, training, and resources in support of anti-trafficking efforts in Maine and the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Office on Victims of Crime Releases FY 24 Human Trafficking Grants and Funding Opportunities](#)

OVC funding supports efforts to develop, expand, and strengthen programs for victims of sex and labor trafficking. Funding opportunities exist to support anti-trafficking efforts nationwide.

NEWS

[Mills Includes \\$6M for Crime Victim Services in Supplemental Budget](#)

After a six-million-dollar cut to the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Maine victim service providers braced for serious impact. VOCA is a primary funding source for programs that support victims of crime, including trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. To offset the federal cut, victim services providers advocated for months at the State House to have the gap filled in the Governor's supplemental budget.



Judiciary Committee Unanimously Endorses Bill to Support Survivors of Violent Crime

LD 2084, championed by Sen. Anne Carney, D-Cape Elizabeth, would provide ongoing funding for state programs that are typically supported by VOCA funding, with \$6 million budgeted for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

EVENTS

Child Sex Trafficking: From Suspicion to Disclosure

Join the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on March 12th from 11AM to 6PM for a webinar focused on interview techniques. Participants will also learn how the continuum of care for youth victim/survivors supports positive case outcomes.

Freedom Network USA Human Trafficking Conference

Registration is open for FNUSA's annual Human Trafficking Conference! It will be held in Salt Lake City, UT from April 18th to April 19th.

RESOURCES

For Human Trafficking Survivors, Justice is More About Healing and Preventing Future Trafficking

Urban Institute research report

Research supported by the National Institute of Justice provides insight on trafficking justice, including a finding that most trafficking survivors favor prevention and victim healing over incarceration of those who committed the crime.

Reconsidering the Use of the Terminology "Modern Day Slavery"

Sarah Harrison, Anti-Human Trafficking Specialist at the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, provides insight into the American context of the word

"slavery".

[Understanding, Preventing, and Responding to Human Trafficking](#)

Justice Today podcast

Research helps us better understand, prevent, and respond to human trafficking. National Institute of Justice scientist Mary Carlton joins host Josh Mondoro, Communications Assistant at NIJ, for a discussion about this research.

[MECASA Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023](#)

Every year, the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA) publishes an annual report that includes information about statewide sexual assault prevention and intervention initiatives. To learn more about their services for survivors of human trafficking, see page 22.



[Maine Human Trafficking Survivor Fund](#)

The Maine Human Trafficking Survivor Fund is a flexible, accessible, and timely source of funds to support the immediate needs of survivors of trafficking and exploitation as they seek to increase their safety.

To support this work, you can make a donation [here](#). Contributions of any size are welcome and appreciated!

Want to support survivors of trafficking and exploitation?

We work hard to ensure that the Maine Human Trafficking Survivor Fund is there when people need it most.

You can help today.

Visit mainesten.org/survivor-support-fund to donate.



**For referrals to Maine services or to report a tip:
The National Human Trafficking Hotline
Call: 1-888-373-7888
Text: 233733**

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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