

Resource Round-Up

November 2019

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

PERSPECTIVES

[Human Trafficking: How Sex and Labor Exploitation Is Being Addressed in Maine](#)

Maine Public Radio - October 28th

"If I tried to leave I was put in a situation where I was threatened with my life and kids were threatened. It becomes really, really dangerous. I was sold out for sex on a regular basis. I was sexually assault over and over by the people who were trafficking me as well....It becomes this situation where you are terrified to go anywhere."



[Maine Voices: Initiative focuses on those in grip of trafficking, hidden in plain sight](#)

Portland Press Herald - November 12th



"It may be shocking to learn that Maine is home to people in the grip of human trafficking. But they are here hidden in plain sight: transgender and cisgender women, men and children forced – by sexual, physical and psychological coercion or violence – to do all kinds of work including sex work, restaurant and hospitality work, farm labor and domestic service. Often working alongside others who aren't being trafficked, they are victims of illegal labor practices, with little or no pay and unsafe working conditions."

NEWS

[Hate-Crime Violence Hits 16-Year High, F.B.I. Reports](#)

New York Times - November 12th

"Robert McCaw, the group's director of governmental affairs, said that while awareness and reporting of hate crimes have improved, daily acts of bullying or discriminations in schools, workplaces and in public are not included in the F.B.I.'s analysis, which focused on violent crimes.

'We don't know the full scope of anti-Muslim hate crimes and other hate crimes,' he said."



A tree in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, where 11 worshippers were killed at a synagogue in October 2018. Michelle Gustafson for The New York Times



Power promoted to Director of Courage Lives

Portland Press Herald - September 30th

Savanna Power was promoted to the new director of Courage Lives, a residential facility serving survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation in Northern Maine. Congratulations to Savanna!

RESOURCES

Drugs as Coercion: Human Trafficking and Toxicology

AEquitas - Recorded Webinar

This webinar explores how the usage of intoxicants as a form of manipulation. The presenter reviews how justice system professionals can provide better service by understanding the role of drugs as a coercive tactic. This webinar recording should qualify prosecutors for 1 hour of continuing legal education credit.



Maine STEN Sex Trafficking Video Series - Law Enforcement Response

MECASA - Recorded videos

Advocates, survivors, service providers and law enforcement talk about the dynamics of sex trafficking in Maine and how they work together to support survivors. See the rest of the Maine STEN Sex Trafficking Video Series [here](#).

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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