



Resource Round-Up

October 20, 2017

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

CHANGES AT MECASA

The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which coordinates the Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network, has hired Julia Davidson as our new Trafficking and Special Projects Coordinator. She will work closely with local and statewide partners to develop programming in support of human trafficking survivors.



Julia is a 6th generation Mainer and has been an advocate for survivors of sexual violence her entire career. She has a Master's in Social Welfare Public Policy and worked as an advocate and Program Manager at Sexual Assault Response Service of Southern Maine. During her time at SARSSM she co-chaired the Greater Portland Coalition Against Sex Trafficking and Exploitation, and co-founded and co-chaired the York County Coalition Against Trafficking. Julia brings a deep knowledge of sexual assault advocacy within complex systems, and passion for supporting survivors. [Contact her](#) for questions, support, assistance or resources about human trafficking.

NEWS

[Maine Voices: Those trapped by human traffickers can benefit from Preble Street program](#)

October 14, 2017 | Special to the Portland Press Herald

Preble Street recently joined The Trauma Center at the Justice Resource Institute in Massachusetts as the state lead for Maine in the New England Coalition Against Trafficking, funded by the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. They will be working with Maine partners as well as those in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island to develop and implement efforts to increase outreach, identification and service referral for victims of human trafficking across New England.

TRAINING

[Building Thriving Communities Conference](#)

Maine Resilience Building Network and The Bingham Program
November 2 & 3, 2017 in Northport, Maine

Join the conference if you are working to:

- Promote population health and wellness
- Support Mainers who struggle with addiction or mental illness
- Communicate about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in your community
- Prevent or reduce addiction and chronic illness
- Ensure that all infants, toddlers and preschoolers arrive at preK or kindergarten

- “ready to be successful” in school & life
- Increase high school graduation rates
- Ensure workforce readiness
- Build resilience in individuals, groups, and communities

The Complexities of Co-Occurring Crimes and Victimization

New England Advanced Victim Services Conference
November 6, 2017 | Killington, VT

Because Vermont and the other New England States are small and mostly rural, training and learning opportunities need to be designed to reach a multidisciplinary audience. Victim advocates and service providers as well as law enforcement, first responders and prosecutors all need to be in the same room while learning about the complexities of Co-Occurring Crimes and Victimization, so that everyone has their primary focus on victim rights and services during all phases of the criminal justice process. When we can learn together, collaborate and communicate about these complex and often difficult cases; outcomes for victims will improve.

Check out the [full agenda](#) for an overview of workshops and speakers. [Registration is now open.](#)

Integrating Human Trafficking Services into Your Agency

Sex Trafficking Prevention
January 2018 | 12-week online course

Survivor Leader, trainer, and advocate Savannah Sanders is offering a 40-hour, 12-week online training for agencies seeking to integrate human trafficking services into your programming. Using material that is survivor lead and trauma-informed, Savannah will draw on her experience integrating trafficking services into one of the nation's largest domestic violence shelters. Some examples of modules include:

Myths and Truths

- Is that recruitment?
- There's no such thing as...
- Men and boys too

Intakes and Identification

- How do you ask that?
- Signs and red flags and what to do with them
- When you know, but they don't identify...

This is for you if...

- You run a social services agency and are wanting to serve survivors of trafficking.
- You're a case manager looking to expand your skills.
- You are making decisions on the board of directors.
- You are a coalition fighting to get comprehensive training to your members.

There are opportunities for agencies and individuals to sign up - reach out to [Savannah](#) for details about the 2018 session.

WEBINARS

Prosecuting Image Exploitation Q&A

OVC TTAC
October 26, 2017 at 3:00pm EST

Image exploitation is a distinct form of sexual abuse involving the nonconsensual creation, possession, or distribution of an image or images depicting the victim as nude, semi-nude, engaged in consensual sexual activity, or being sexually assaulted. All forms of image exploitation expose the victim to immeasurable trauma of essentially infinite duration by permanently invading the victim's autonomy and security. In this session, we will describe

various forms of image exploitation, including the dynamics of the behavior and the potential for harm, and discuss the ways that law enforcement and prosecutors can use existing laws to hold offenders accountable.

Human Trafficking: Inside the Survivor's Mind

National Criminal Justice Training Center
November 15, 2017 at 2:00-3:15pm EST

This webinar will explain the definition of sex trafficking and describe why this is a serious problem that needs our attention. Demonstrate why victims are not often identified as we look at a survivor's police record to show the invisible signs of trafficking. Review and understand the mind of a survivor. Describe complex PTSD and why a survivor does not run from her trafficker, understand how resilience helps in recovery, and what the recovery process looks like.

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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