



Resource Round-Up

October 2020

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

ARTICLES & CONVERSATIONS

[Freedom Needs Truth Letter](#)

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More than 80 anti-human-trafficking and victims' services groups are pressing politicians, government officials and media organizations to combat conspiracy theories about trafficking. "Anybody — political committee, public office holder, candidate, or media outlet — who lends any credibility to QAnon conspiracies related to human trafficking actively harms the fight against human trafficking."

**FREEDOM
NEEDS
TRUTH.**

[How Unproven Trafficking Stories Spread Online and Why Stopping Them Matters](#)

Polaris Project

"A barrage of conspiracy-related reports from people with no direct knowledge of trafficking situations can overwhelm services meant for victims."

[#saveourchildren Discussion](#)

Consent Chronicles Podcast
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services

This episode was an impromptu conversation regarding the hashtag and new movement #saveourchildren. It is a raw and mostly unfiltered chat, edited for time.



[COVID-19 and Human Trafficking—the Amplified Impact on Vulnerable Populations](#)

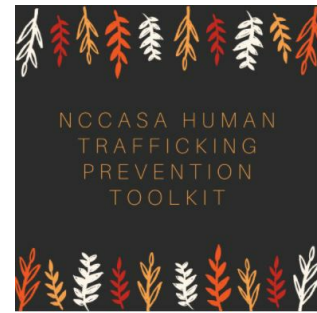
The impact of COVID-19 on trafficking survivors is significant. The virus has disrupted their lives and support networks while increasing financial stress, food insecurity, interpersonal violence, and grief over the loss of loved ones. In response, it is essential that we develop tailored strategies to meet the needs of individuals at risk of or exploited in human trafficking.

TOOLS & RESOURCES

[Human Trafficking Prevention Toolkit](#)

North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault

In this toolkit, you'll find an overview of what human trafficking is and the public health approach to violence prevention, tips for effective upstream prevention, and strategies for incorporating a harm reduction lens into your human trafficking prevention work.



[Housing Survivors of Human Trafficking During COVID-19](#)

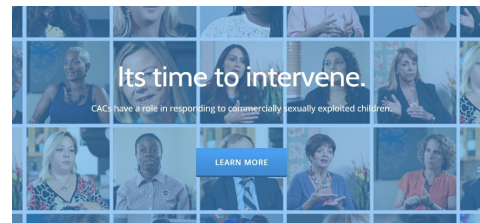
The Freedom Network

Although housing has always been an essential need for survivors of trafficking, communities throughout the United States are experiencing new challenges with the spread of COVID-19. This fact sheet discusses the challenges and potential solutions for housing survivors of trafficking during the pandemic.

[Unifying the Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children](#)

National Children's Alliance and the Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center

This [website](#), along with the National Children's Alliance [CSE Online Resource Toolkit](#), has been built for Children's Advocacy Centers and multidisciplinary team members will use the resource, in partnership with their community, to understand and explore the unique needs of child sexual exploitation victims.



TRAINING

Child Sexual Abuse, Exploitation, & Trafficking
Maine School Safety Center - Webinar Series
Recorded summer 2020

- [Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Dynamics and Approach](#)
Jess Bedard and Caitlyn Kelty-Huber, Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- [Children's Advocacy Center Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children](#)
Jennifer Shumway and Kathy Harvey-Brown, Cumberland CACs

[Housing Solutions for LGBTQ+ Trafficking Survivors](#)

Freedom Network
September 24, 2020

This webinar discusses the challenges that LGBTQ+ survivors face in accessing safe and stable housing and explores housing models and practices to enhance access to housing for individuals from the LGBTQ+ community.



[Ethical and Practical Considerations for Collecting Longitudinal Data from CSEC Youth](#)

[HEAL](#) Trafficking Webinar
August 2020

Katherine Bright explores the findings of her research, but more importantly, she shares the methods her team developed to conduct longitudinal research with a population of youth that were often difficult to trace over time. She also discusses the methods for debriefing with research team members and ensuring their well-being during the process of the research.

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**.