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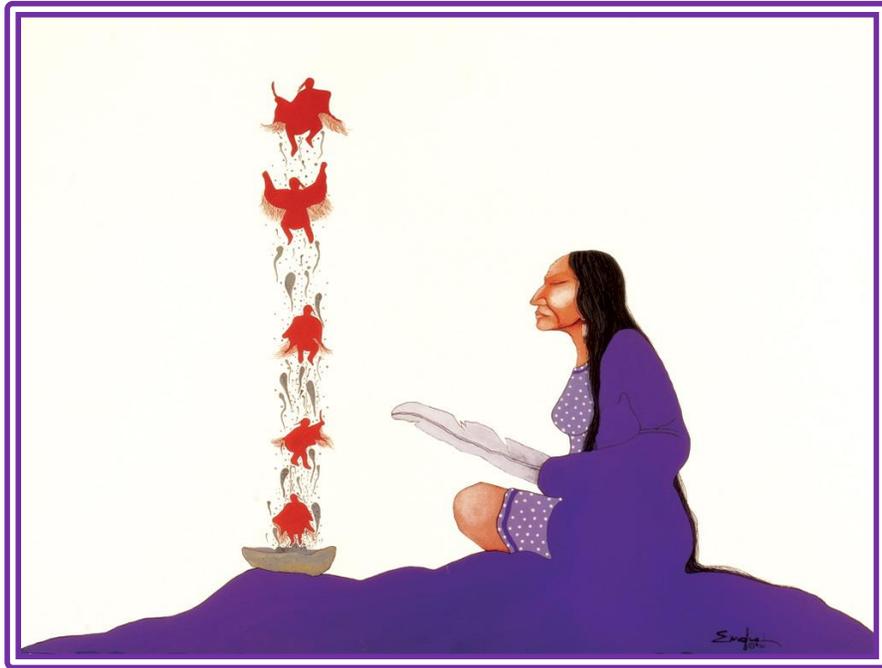
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About This Resource

The *Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Victim/Survivor Resource Book (Resource Book)* is intended to provide Tribal Coalitions with basic information on sex trafficking as it impacts Native people and to provide access to direct services that may assist victims/survivors of sex trafficking.

The need for this resource became evident when a Native victim/survivor from a tribal community attempted to escape her abuser and requested help from tribal advocates. The victim/survivor needed to relocate to another community thousands of miles away. So, the advocates needed to immediately locate resources and services needed: transportation, overnight lodgings along the route, food and snacks for her children, and clothing for her and her children.

Once those immediate resources were identified, the advocates realized the victim/survivor would still need lodging, legal assistance, and other support services upon her arrival at the final destination. Because the victim/survivor was relocating outside the advocate's service region and network—into an area where no tribal resources were available, the task seemed daunting. It quickly became evident that there was no single resource available to the advocates to sufficiently help this victim/survivor. The advocates reached out to their Tribal Coalition for assistance in identifying, locating, and coordinating the services needed for their client—services that would span many states.

Because the situation outlined in the preceding text is not uncommon for tribal advocates and Tribal Coalitions serving Native victims/survivors, the primary goal of this *Resource Book* is to provide an extensive list of holistic resources and services for victims/survivors. Each state with a Tribal Coalition is included in this *Resource Book*, seventeen states in total. E-copies of this *Resource Book* are available through the Tribal Coalitions website: www.TribalCoalitions.org.

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Section 1: Sex Trafficking of Native People

Sex Trafficking in Indian Country

Today, there are 567 federally recognized tribes speaking more than 250 languages and maintaining separate cultures, customs, and histories.¹ As mentioned in the preceding text, the sex trafficking of Native American women/girls in urban areas and Indian country² is disproportionately high as compared to the rest of the populations. For instance, the wide-range impact of a large population influx due to the oil fracking industries in North Dakota and Montana resulted in tribal victim service providers reporting a doubling and tripling of the numbers of sexual assaults, domestic violence, and human trafficking incidents since 2008.³ However, according to the latest data⁴ and anecdotal evidence, Alaska is perhaps experiencing the highest rates of Native sex trafficking victimization in the nation.⁵

Sex Trafficking Elements

While each jurisdiction may have varying definitions, sex trafficking generally occurs when a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or in a situation in which the person induced to perform such an act is under the age of eighteen years of age.⁶ A commercial sex act can usually consist of any sex act(s) exchanged for food, shelter, money, or anything of value. Sex trafficking does not typically require the movement or transport of a victim.⁷

Sex traffickers frequently subject their victims to debt-bondage, an illegal practice in which the traffickers tell their victims that they owe money (often relating to the victims' living expenses)

¹ *Federal and State Recognized Tribes*, NAT'L CONFERENCE OF ST. LEG., <http://www.ncsl.org/research/state-tribal-institute/list-of-federal-and-state-recognized-tribes.aspx> (last visited Sept. 14, 2016).

² "Indian Country" is defined in 18 U.S.C.A. § 1151 (1948) (categorizing Indian country as: (a) all land within the limits of a reservation, (b) all dependent Indian communities, and (c) all Indian allotments, the title which has not been extinguished).

³ Written Testimony of Lisa Bruner, Hearing on *Combating Human Trafficking, Federal, State and Local Perspectives*, COMM. ON HOMELAND SEC. AND GOVERNMENTAL AFF. (Sept. 23, 2013), <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/combating-human-trafficking-federal-state-and-local-perspectives> (last visited Sept. 12, 2016).

⁴ Complicating this data is the fact that Alaska enacted a very broad antitrafficking law that resulted in Native people that would have previously been charged with prostitution instead being charged with trafficking.

⁵ Eric Holder, Jr. et al., *Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence: Ending Violence So Children Can Thrive*, U.S. DEP'T OF JUST. 132 (Nov. 2014), https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/defendingchildhood/pages/attachment/2015/03/23/ending_violence-so_children_can_thrive.pdf.

⁶ Alexandra (Sandi) Pierce, *Shattered Hearts: The Commercial Sex Exploitation of American Indian Women and Girls in Minnesota*, MINN. INDIAN WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER 21-23 (2009), http://www.sdcedsv.org/media/sdcedsvfactor360com/shattered_hearts_full_report-web_version.pdf.

⁷ *Id.*

and that they must pledge their personal services to repay the debt.⁸ Sex traffickers use a variety of methods to “condition” or manipulate and influence their victims including starvation, confinement, beatings, physical abuse, rape, gang rape, threats of violence to the victims and the victims’ families, forced drug use, and the threat of shaming their victims by revealing their activities to their family and their families’ friends.⁹

Facts and Myths of Sex Trafficking

There is an unfortunate lack of reliable data on the problem of sex trafficking in Indian country. This lack of reliable data is tied to the limited amount of methodologically sound research, articles, and reports on the topic. As a result, many claims regarding sex trafficking are based on very limited information and should be understood within the context of their limitations. However, despite limited data, there are several “facts” that can be taken at face value and are helpful to keep in mind as long as the reader understands that they may not be applicable in every community. This short section will highlight some of those facts and will also address several myths about sex trafficking.

Sex trafficking operations are not always secretive and may take place in a variety of public venues including fake massage businesses; through escort services and residential brothels; and at truck stops, hotels, motels, casinos, spas, strip clubs, and other fronts for prostitution.¹⁰ Victims may start off dancing or stripping in clubs and then be coerced into prostitution by a trafficker.¹¹

The threat of prosecution for participation in sex industries can further traumatize victims/survivors of sex trafficking as well as leave them with a profound distrust of law enforcement, all of which can prevent them from seeking future assistance.¹² Furthermore, the criminal record that results from being convicted can act as a barrier to future employment, housing, and other opportunities.¹³

⁸ MHeffern, *ABC’s of Human Trafficking: Debt Bondage, Exploitation, and Force*, RENEWAL FORUM (July 11, 2013), <http://renewalforum.org/abcs-of-human-trafficking-debt-bondage-exploitation-and-force/> (last visited Sept. 19, 2016).

⁹ *Fact Sheet: Sex Trafficking*, OFF. ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking/resource/fact-sheet-sex-trafficking-english> (last visited September 20, 2016).

¹⁰ *Id.* at 41.

¹¹ *Id.* 39–40.

¹² See Tara Burns, *People in Alaska’s Sex Trade: Their Lived Experiences and Policy Recommendations 90-94* (May 2015) (unpublished M.A. thesis, University of Alaska Fairbanks) (on file with Tribal Law and Policy Institute; summary version also available at <http://sextraffickingalaska.com/pdfs/AKSWR.pdf>) (discussing, through interviews, experiences victims/survivors of sex trafficking have had with law enforcement including arrest and prosecution for sex trafficking and prostitution).

¹³ *Id.* at 81 (discussing how some survey participants said “that they couldn’t leave the [sex trade] because of criminal convictions or pending criminal charges prevented them from obtaining other employment” and “[i]ronically, these convictions included prostitution charges”).

A common misconception is that sex trafficking is a new problem in tribal communities. However, colonists targeted Native women for rape, kidnapping, and trafficking since before the formation of the United States as nation. Colonial leaders argued that their men were simply yielding to temptation and assigned no moral or religious consequences to the perpetrators.¹⁴ The National Human Trafficking Resource Center lists some other myths and misconceptions related to human trafficking, which includes both labor and sex trafficking:¹⁵

- Myth 1: Trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries. **Fact:** The federal definition of *human trafficking* includes both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.
- Myth 2: Human trafficking is essentially a crime that must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders. **Fact:** Trafficking does not require transportation.
- Myth 3: Human trafficking is another term for human smuggling. **Fact:** Smuggling is a crime against a country's borders. Human trafficking is a crime against a person.
- Myth 4: There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking situation. **Fact:** Trafficking does not require physical restraint, bodily harm, or physical force.
- Myth 5: Victims of human trafficking will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of crime. **Fact:** Victims of human trafficking often do not immediately seek help or self-identify as victims of crime.
- Myth 6: Human trafficking victims always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages. **Fact:** Although poverty can be a factor in human trafficking because poverty is an indicator of vulnerability, poverty alone is not a single causal factor or a universal indicator of a human trafficking victim.
- Myth 7: Sex trafficking is the only form of human trafficking. **Fact:** The federal definition includes both sex trafficking and labor trafficking.
- Myth 8: Human trafficking only occurs in illegal underground industries. **Fact:** Trafficking can occur in legal and legitimate business settings as well as underground markets.
- Myth 9: If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation or was informed about what type of labor they would be doing or that commercial sex would be involved, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they knew better. **Fact:** Initial consent to commercial sex or a labor setting prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion (or if the victim is a minor in a sex trafficking situation) is not relevant to the crime, nor is payment.
- Myth 10: Foreign national trafficking victims are always undocumented immigrants or here in this country illegally. **Fact:** Not all foreign national victims are undocumented.

¹⁴ KRISTEN FISCHER, *SUSPECT RELATIONS: SEX, RACE, AND RESISTANCE IN COLONIAL NORTH CAROLINA* (2001).

¹⁵ *What Is Human Trafficking: Myths and Misconceptions*, NAT'L HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER, <http://traffickingresourcecenter.org/what-human-trafficking/myths-misconceptions> (last visited Sept. 12, 2016).

Sex Trafficking Risk Factors

While no one factor is determinate that a person will become a victim/survivor of sex trafficking, certain risk factors have been identified as indicators of vulnerability to sex trafficking, which include individuals that are exposed to child abuse (including child sexual abuse) and neglect, sexual assault, substance abuse, runaways, homelessness, extreme poverty, and those with a cultural disconnect.¹⁶ Additionally, sex traffickers often target vulnerable populations subject to social discrimination such as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans*, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Two-Spirit (LGBTQ/2) individuals.¹⁷

While many characteristics are shared by other domestic sex trafficking victims/survivors, the risk factors for Native Americans come together in a “perfect storm,” rendering Native women and girls particularly vulnerable to the crime.¹⁸ Native American women and girls’ sex trafficking risk factors include highest rates of physical and sexual violence in the United States,¹⁹ sexual assaults at an early age,²⁰ drug and alcohol abuse,²¹ and generational trauma.²²

The Department of Justice has acknowledged that the overrepresentation of Native American women among sex trafficking victims is a national problem.²³ In order to grasp the context of this issue, one must recall that Native Americans have been subject to war, conquest, rape, and genocide, and were disconnected from their land.²⁴ The sexual exploitation and trafficking of Native American women and girls occurs at disproportionate rates. In 2011, *The Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota* (“The Minnesota Report”) was published and found that 85 percent of the women and girls trafficked in Minnesota were Native and concluded that gangs in the area specifically targeted Native girls because traffickers can represent Native girls as many different ethnicities, thus enhancing their “marketability.”²⁵

¹⁶ Alexandra (Sandi) Pierce & Suzanne Koeplinger, *New Language, Old Problem: Sex Trafficking of American Indian Women and Children*, NAT’L ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (Oct. 2011), http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/AR_NativeSexTrafficking.pdf; see also *Understanding Sex Trafficking*, CTR. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/trafficking.html> (last visited Sept. 12, 2016).

¹⁷ Pierce, *supra* note 6 at 111–112 (discussing how two-spirited, bisexual, and transgender “youth are much more likely than heterosexual-identifying youth to report having been kicked out of their homes or having run away, which makes them even more vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation”).

¹⁸ Andrea L. Johnson, *A Perfect Storm: The U.S. Anti-Trafficking Regime’s Failure to Stop the Sex Trafficking of American Indian Women and Girls*, 43 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 617 (2012).

¹⁹ Pierce & Koeplinger, *supra* note 16, at 8.

²⁰ Sarah Deer, *Relocation Revisited*, 36 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 621, 626 (2009–2010).

²¹ *Id.* at 678.

²² Pierce & Koeplinger, *supra* note 16, at 8.

²³ *Attorney General’s Annual Report to Congress and Assessment of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons in Fiscal Year 2009*, U.S. DEP’T OF JUST. 16 (2010).

²⁴ Deer, *supra* note 20, at 625.

²⁵ Sarah Deer et al., *Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota* (October 27, 2011) available at http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/pdfs/Garden_of_Truth_Final_Project_WEB.pdf.

Section 2: Examining the Intersections between Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking

Because advocates working at domestic violence programs may encounter victims/survivors of sex trafficking presenting as a victim/survivor of domestic violence, it is critical that advocates understand nuances of both (sometimes co-occurring) forms of victimization in order to better identify and appropriately respond to trafficking victims/survivors. Victim-centered advocacy, confidentiality, and safety must be the foremost priorities to advocates and are critical to working with both domestic violence victims/survivors as well as victims/survivors of sex trafficking.²⁶

“Victims/survivors may experience multiple sexual assaults by clients— victims/survivors often find these experiences difficult to talk about. Consider the sex trafficking victim who is forced by her perpetrator to have sex with his friends or gang members. The feelings of shame and stigma that are common in sexual assault cases are often compounded for those who are, or once were, part of the sex industry and fear moral condemnation by the justice system or society at large. . . . Although advocates are accustomed to working with legal and social service systems, working with sex trafficked persons challenges the way advocates typically interact with systems and collaborate with other agencies or providers.”²⁷

Sex traffickers may also have children with their victims/survivors. Additionally, the trafficker may have threatened to or may have already used physical abuse as a mechanism to control and coerce the victim/survivor. Threats and physical abuse may also enforce silence when the victim/survivor comes into contact with the justice system.²⁸ Emotional harm can also be just as damaging to a victim as physical violence. For example, threatening to “out” an LGBTQ/2 individual to their community or family may mean the loss of social and economic support.²⁹ Furthermore, a trafficker who threatens to, or actually discloses a person’s engagement (forced or otherwise) in the sex industry may put that person at risk of losing their children or exacerbate emotional and economic instability, while continuing to tighten their power and control over that victim/survivor’s life.

For those encountering victims/survivors of trafficking through the justice system, remember that the dynamics of control and coercion may affect their ability to use legal system resources effectively. Even if an individual was coerced, that does not necessarily reduce the real or

²⁶ *What Are the Connections between Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking?*, NAT’L RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, <http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam/sites/default/files2/HumanTrafficking%26DV-TalkingPointsForm.pdf>.

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *The Intersection of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking*, CENTER ON CT. INNOVATION, http://www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/documents/UnderstandingHumanTrafficking_2.pdf.

²⁹ *Id.*

perceived blaming and stigma associated with sex trafficking. This results in sex trafficking victims/survivors being vulnerable to further trauma and less likely to seek help, especially from justice system participants whom they do not know or trust.³⁰

Finally, it is very important that victims/survivors of sex trafficking understand all of their available legal and resource options, including possible immigration relief. In addition to possible access to public benefits, federal laws have several helpful options for those facing immigration issues, such as the T-visa for victims of trafficking and the U-visa for victims of designated crimes, including some that often happen in the context of sex trafficking.³¹

³⁰ See Pierce, *supra* note 6 at 95–97.

³¹ *Id.* See also the “Train-the-Trainer Curriculum: Legal Issues Related to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country” for more information on federal, state, and tribal sex trafficking laws.

Section 3: Screening and Safety Concerns for Native Victims/Survivors

Screening Tools

Screening tools are usually intended to be used as part of a regular intake process or as part of enrollment for specific programs. Because each agency's intake process is unique, agencies should determine how to best integrate screening tools with their other intake forms or procedures and screening timing may vary by discipline. In order for the results to be valid, the screening should be administered according to prearranged protocols, whether or not the client is believed to be a victim/survivor of sex trafficking. Currently, there is no tribal-specific sex trafficking screening tool in place. However, screening tools usually focus on information to address issues such as:

- Setting up the client interview;
- Developing client trust;
- Demonstrating respect;
- Maintaining client confidentiality; and
- Understanding effects of trauma and victimization.

Screening tools may also include additional resources such as sample questions for the victim/survivor's use.³² It is very important to never begin by asking directly whether the person has been beaten or held against their will.³³

Keep in mind that the trauma caused by a sex trafficker(s) can be so great that people may not identify themselves as victims or seek help.³⁴ Other barriers to requesting help are language barriers, fear of the trafficker(s), and/or fear of law enforcement. Whatever the timing and context of the interview, interviewers should begin and end with comfortable topics of conversation to minimize the client's discomfort.

Safety Concerns

Victims/survivors are usually the best judges of the dangers their abuser(s) pose to them. However, an advocate can help a victim/survivor assess the risk and develop a practical plan to stay safe—a safety plan. A safety plan is a plan that identifies ways a person can protect

³² *Rescue and Restore Campaign Tool Kits: Office on Trafficking in Persons*, ADMIN. FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (2012), <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking/resource/rescue-restore-campaign-tool-kits> (last visited Sept. 16, 2016).

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ Leah Kaylor, *Psychological Impact of Human Trafficking and Sex Slavery Worldwide: Empowerment and Intervention* (2015) (unpublished paper, American Psychological Association) available at <https://www.apa.org/international/pi/2015/09/leah-kaylor.pdf>.

themselves during a violent incident and reduce the risk of serious harm.³⁵ It is crucial that the victim advocate does not blame the victim/ survivor.³⁶ While evaluating risks and creating safety plans can help a victim/survivor, safety planning is not a guarantee that they will not be injured again.

The victim/survivor can then follow the plan if they are in immediate danger or leave (if possible) to preserve their safety. When working with a victim/survivor on the issue of safety, an advocate must discuss whether the victim/survivor plans to stay at their current location or intends to leave. If the person wishes to stay at their current location, they should prepare a safety plan to protect the individual if an incident occurs in order to increase their chances of avoiding injury or death.

An advocate *must* help a victim/survivor make other arrangements if they plan to leave. Relevant questions such as “Do they have money?,” “Is there a safe place they can stay?,” and “Have they considered that their trafficker may look for them?” are all important questions that should be asked. An advocate must also discuss different approaches with a victim/survivor because they may change their mind before fully implementing any safety plan.

³⁵ See *Safety Planning and Prevention for Human Trafficking At-A-Glance*, NAT’L HUM. TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER (2011),

<http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Safety%20Planning%20At%20A%20Glance.pdf>.

³⁶ *Human Trafficking in Indian Country*, NAT’L INDIAN COUNTRY CLEARINGHOUSE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, <http://niccsa.org/human-trafficking/> (last visited Sept. 12, 2016).

Section 4: Meeting the Nonlegal Needs of Native Victims/Survivors

Types of Nonlegal Needs

The situations that sex trafficking victims/survivors face vary dramatically and the services offered to victims/survivors of sex trafficking will vary greatly across the United States and from one tribal community to another. Sex trafficking victims/survivors may require several emergency and long-term nonlegal services, which may include:

- Emergency response in life-threatening situations;
- Information;
- Access to safety;
- Crisis and support counseling;
- Victim advocacy;
- Shelter/housing;
- Food;
- Clothing;
- Medical care;
- Mental health treatment;
- Substance abuse treatment;
- Support groups;
- Interpretation/translation services;
- Legal assistance;
- Job training services; and
- Resources for the victim/survivor's children.

Services may also be needed to address issues such as:

- Drug and alcohol addiction;
- Physical injuries (broken bones, concussions, burns, etc.);
- Traumatic brain injury resulting in memory loss, dizziness, headaches, and/or numbness;
- Sexually transmitted infections (e.g., HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis);
- Sterility, miscarriages, or menstrual problems;
- Forced or coerced abortions; and/or
- Posttraumatic stress disorder.

Victim/survivor assistance may also be provided by system-based victim/witness coordinators and victim specialists housed within federal agencies such as the Department of Justice's U.S.

Attorneys' Offices and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).³⁷ Victims/survivors of sex trafficking are also regularly identified and served by individuals working with related vulnerable populations such as child welfare systems, runaway and homeless youth programs, and domestic violence shelters.

Victims/survivors of sex trafficking from tribal communities may face unique challenges in accessing resources or seeking justice to address their victimization due to historical trauma, cultural issues, and Indian country jurisdictional issues. Generally, Tribal Coalitions are a good point of first contact in exploring available services for sex trafficking victims in Indian country.³⁸

³⁷ See *Services Available to Victims of Human Trafficking*, DEP'T OF HEALTH AND HUM. SERVICES (2012), pdf available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/orr/traffickingservices_0.pdf for a listing of victim assistance services available within the U.S. Department of Department of Justice and FBI.

³⁸ See *Sex Trafficking Resources for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Tribal Coalitions*, TRIBAL COALITIONS, www.tribalcoalitions.org (last visited Sept. 12, 2016) for a listing of Office on Violence Against Women funded Tribal Coalition programs.

Section 5: Meeting the Legal Needs of Native Victims/Survivors

Sex trafficking is a crime in many jurisdictions; there are federal, state, and tribal trafficking laws that govern sex trafficking crimes. Aside from the complicated jurisdictional issues—determining which government is able to prosecute traffickers—victims/survivors of trafficking face a variety of legal challenges. For example, trafficking victims/survivors are vulnerable to prosecution under laws against prostitution and related crimes. While it is outside the scope of this resource to discuss the full breadth of legal issues,³⁹ this section will briefly flag some of the legal needs a trafficking victim/survivor may have. Advocates and others using this resource are encouraged to use other resources in order to learn more about the legal issues of sex trafficking in Indian country.

Types of Legal Needs

Generally speaking, sex trafficking victims/survivors will face legal issues similar to those faced by individuals that have experience domestic violence and sexual assault and will have many of the same legal needs, including assistance with:

- Civil cases;⁴⁰
- Criminal cases;⁴¹
- Protection orders;⁴²
- Child custody issues;
- Court testimony;
- Legal advocacy; and/or
- Victim’s rights issues.

In addition, sex trafficking victims/survivors may face specific legal issues related to their involvement in the sex industry and may need assistance with:

- Criminal defense;
- Expungements;
- Housing;
- Access to education; and/or
- Child welfare systems.

³⁹ For an in-depth discussion of tribal, federal, and state trafficking laws, please read TLPI’s “Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Legal Issues” available for free download through TLPI’s publications page: www.home.tlpi.org/publications.

⁴⁰ See JUSTIN B. RICHLAND & SARAH DEER, INTRODUCTION TO TRIBAL LEGAL STUDIES 159 (Jerry Gardner et al., eds., 3rd ed. 2016) for a discussion of civil law and cases.

⁴¹ See *Id.* at 158–159 for discussion of criminal cases.

⁴² Please visit www.TribalProtectionOrder.org for more information about protection orders.

Additionally, a victim/survivor of sex trafficking that has not been charged with a crime may have certain victim's rights that afford protection in the event that the perpetrator has been charged with a crime.

Additional Legal Issues for Minors

On average, Native people are more likely to enter the sex industry, specifically prostitution, as minors.⁴³ These minors may have been abducted; others are at-risk youth, orphans, or runaways lured by traffickers who promise them security and a place to stay.⁴⁴ Minors may be trafficked by caregivers, intimate partners, or others who use violence, threats, debt bondage, and other manipulative tactics to victimize children.⁴⁵ Minors are not always treated as victims under criminal law, but many are treated as criminals and are prosecuted accordingly.⁴⁶ Recently, the trend among states is to enact "Safe Harbor Laws" that prevent the prosecution of minors for prostitution and related crimes based on the theory that minors cannot consent and should be treated as victims under criminal laws.

Sex trafficking of a minor often touches a variety of legal systems in both governmental and nongovernmental sectors—from the initial identification of a case to legal advocacy on behalf of a child trafficking victim/survivor. In addition to the legal concerns for adult victims/survivors of trafficking discussed in the preceding text; advocates should take the time to learn how the age of a minor interacts with local criminal laws related to trafficking and prostitution and look into safe harbor laws of the local government.

⁴³ Andrea L. Johnson, *A Perfect Storm: The U.S. Anti-Trafficking Regime's Failure to Stop the Sex Trafficking of American Indian Women and Girls*, 43 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 617, 626 (2012).

⁴⁴ See Burns, *supra* note 12 (discussing, through interviews with people involved in sex industries in Alaska, including why those who had been in the sex trade as minors decided to enter in the first place).

⁴⁵ *Child Trafficking and Child Welfare*, POLARIS PROJECT FREEDOM HAPPENS NOW, <http://www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/resources/child-trafficking-child-welfare> (last visited Sept. 12, 2016).

⁴⁶ Burns, *supra* note 12.

Appendix A: Additional Suggested Readings

Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Legal Issues: www.Home.TLPI.org/publications

A curriculum that provides a comprehensive overview of tribal, federal, and state laws related to sex trafficking. “Designed for use by the Tribal Coalitions and tribal victim/survivor advocates. The purpose of the curriculum is to empower Tribal Coalitions and tribal advocates to train their staff and volunteers on advanced legal issues related to sex trafficking in Indian country. Once trained, the advocates can then teach others in tribal communities to identify and respond to the legal issues of sex trafficking with a victim-centered approach.”

Shattered Hearts: The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of American Indian Women and Girls in Minnesota: www.sdcedsv.org/media/sdcedsvfactor360com/shattered_hearts_full_report-web_version.pdf

This report is one of the only comprehensive reports detailing the sexual exploitation of American Indian women and girls. With a focus on Minnesota the report includes, but is not limited to, sex trafficking. This resource provides a valuable, Native-specific view of the issues surrounding sex trafficking.

Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota:

http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/pdfs/Garden_of_Truth_Final_Project_WEB.pdf

Through interviews with 105 Native women in prostitution in Minnesota, this report assesses the specific needs of Native women and the extent to which these needs are not being met. Personal stories and accounts punctuate this report for an impactful account Native women in prostitution, and it provides valuable information for drafters of sex trafficking statutes and how they can better meet these needs.

Relocation Revisited: Sex Trafficking of Native Women in the United States:

<http://open.mitchellhamline.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1157&context=facsch>

This article discusses the historical and legal context of sex trafficking as it originated amongst the colonial predecessors of the United States. Specifically, the article uses this history to situate Native women’s experiences that include “generations of enslavement, exploitation, exportation, and relocation” and show that sex trafficking is an ongoing issue in the United States.

The Nexus Between Domestic Violence and Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation:

http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/multimedia/trafficking_task_force/resources/Nexus_DV_TraffickingCommercialSexualExploitation.authcheckdam.pdf

This article discusses the intersections of domestic violence and sex trafficking. The article also provides information for advocates interested in learning how to holistically respond to victims/survivors.

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<http://traffickingresourcecenter.org/what-human-trafficking/myths-misconceptions>.

Appendix C: Trafficking Victim/Survivor Services

Maine

Tribal Coalitions Information

[Wabanaki Women's Coalition](#)

The Wabanaki Women's Coalition's mission is to increase the capacity of Tribal Communities to respond to domestic and sexual violence, and influence Tribal, National, and Regional systems to increase awareness, safety, justice and healing for all our relations.

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<http://www.wabanakiwomen.org/>

Maine Trafficking Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Maine Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Network</u></p> <p>Maine Trafficking Victim Fund, c/o MECASA 45 Memorial Circle, Suite 302 Augusta, Maine 04530 Maine Sexual Assault & Crisis Line: (800)-871-7741</p> <p>http://mainesten.org/</p>	<p>The Maine Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Network offers assistance to victims of sex trafficking in the form of a community resource guide and <u>Victim Support Fund</u> a flexible, accessible, and timely source of funds to support the immediate needs of victims of trafficking as they seek to increase their safety and start a new life.</p> <p>Clients Served: Victims of Sex Trafficking.</p>
<p><u>Saint Andre Home</u></p> <p>Carey Nason Phone: (207) 282-3351 Option # 4.</p> <p>http://saintandrehome.org/</p>	<p>Saint Andre Home offers ‘Hope Rising’ which is a residential treatment program for survivors of the crime of human trafficking. Hope Rising provides a safe, secure place for survivors to heal, receive treatment and start to rebuild their lives. A key focus of Hope Rising is to help clients enhance their self-sufficiency skills, by addressing health needs, managing recovery, and pursuing vocational and educational interests. The location of Hope Rising is not publicly disclosed to ensure safety of victims and staff members.</p> <p>Clients Served: Victims of Sex Trafficking.</p>

<p><u>Family Crisis Center</u></p> <p>PO Box 704 Portland, ME, 04104 Emergency Hotline: (800)-537-6066</p> <p><u>Portland:</u> Portland Police Department Building 109 Middle St. Portland, Maine Phone: (207)-874-8512</p> <p><u>Midcoast:</u> 173 Park Row Brunswick, Maine Phone: (207)-721-0199</p> <p><u>Bridgton:</u> 230 Main St. Bridgton, Maine Phone: (207)-647-8501</p> <p>http://familycrisis.org/</p>	<p>Family Crisis Services provides many services to victims of domestic abuse. Some of the services we assist with are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free & Confidential 24-Hour Hotline • Emergency Shelter • Assistance with Safety Planning Information • Court Advocacy • Emotional Support and Information • Elder Advocacy • Support Groups • Education/Training • Incarcerated Women’s Program • Human Trafficking • EPIC • Young Adult Abuse Prevention Program (YAAPP) • Volunteer Program <p>Clients Served: Victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.</p>
<p><u>Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)</u></p> <p>P.O. Box 1371 Portland, Maine 04104 24 Hour Crisis Line: (800)-313-9900</p> <p>http://www.sarsonline.org/</p>	<p>Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM) has been providing free and confidential services to victims of sexual assault since 1973. Their goal is to provide support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence, and to provide prevention education and awareness around the issue of sexual violence and exploitation.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those experiencing sexual violence and/or sexual exploitation.</p>

**Sexual Assault Support Services of
Midcoast Maine (SASSMM)**

SASSMM
PO Box 990
Brunswick, Maine 04011
24 Hour Crisis Line: (800)-871-7741

Belfast:
(207) 338-4622

Brunswick:
(207) 725-2181

Rockland:
(207) 594-8580

<http://sassmm.org/>

SASSMM offers a variety of services for those experiencing sexual assault or exploitation:

- A 24-hour, confidential, toll-free support line for individuals impacted by issues of sexual violence, no matter when it occurred.
- Support and accompaniment for survivors through medical and forensic examinations, with reporting to law enforcement and in navigating the legal system.
- In-person meetings with survivors and concerned others. Meetings take place in the SASSMM office as well as in designated locations in the community. SASSMM has specialized advocacy services for individuals with disabilities as well as for older adults and elders.
- Support groups are offered through SASSMM for survivors and concerned others. Groups run between 8 to 12 weeks, free of charge.
 - **Examples of support groups** offered include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Non-offending parents of children who have experienced sexual abuse
 - Adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse
 - Adult survivors of sexual assault
 - Male survivors of sexual violence
 - Lesbian survivors of sexual violence
 - Groups for women with disabilities
- Assistance in accessing community resources and information.

Clients Served: Those who are experiencing or have experienced sexual violence.

Maine Support Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p data-bbox="203 310 586 384"><u>Maine Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</u></p> <p data-bbox="203 436 506 548">353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (800)-452-4668</p> <p data-bbox="203 600 667 785">http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/energy/energydetails/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program</p>	<p data-bbox="690 310 1435 548">The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (commonly called LIHEAP or HEAP) provides money to low income homeowners and renters to help pay heating costs. Applications for LIHEAP are accepted from August 15th through April 30 of each year. To apply contact the program agent that serves your area.</p> <p data-bbox="690 600 1435 716">Clients Served: Residents of the state of Maine in need of financial assistance for home energy costs who meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="690 768 1435 1129">Example of an Eligible Household: A family of 2 making \$23,895 annually or less. Click here for more information regarding eligibility. Additionally, a person who participates or has family members who participate in certain other benefit programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or certain needs-tested Veterans benefits may be automatically eligible.</p>
<p data-bbox="203 1218 350 1249"><u>MaineCare</u></p> <p data-bbox="203 1297 506 1409">242 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207) 287-2674</p> <p data-bbox="203 1486 662 1560">http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1630</p>	<p data-bbox="690 1218 1435 1486">MaineCare (formerly Medicaid) is a "Federal/State" program, which provides assistance to people with limited resources in funding their health care payments. To print an application click here. After completing the application it can be mailed to 114 Corn Shop Lane, Farmington, Maine 04938 or submitted in person at any DHHS office.</p> <p data-bbox="690 1528 1435 1871">Clients Served: Must be a resident of the state of Maine, a U.S. national, citizen, permanent resident, or legal alien and in need of health care/insurance assistance, whose financial situation would be characterized as low income or very low income. Additionally, you may qualify if you are either pregnant, a parent or relative caretaker of a dependent child(ren) under age 19, blind, have a disability or a family member in your household with a disability, or be 65 years of age or older.</p>

<p><u>Mainecare (SCHIP)</u></p> <p>242 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (877)-543-7669</p> <p><u>http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1603</u></p>	<p>MaineCare provides free or low-cost health insurance for families with children and pregnant women. <u>To print an application click here</u>. After completing the application it can be sent by mail or fax along with supporting documentation to the <u>Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) office nearest to you</u>.</p> <p>Clients Served: Must be a resident of Maine, under 19 years of age or be a primary care giver with a child under the age of 19, not covered by health insurance (including Medicaid), and a U.S. national, citizen, legal alien, or permanent resident.</p> <p>Example of an Eligible Household: A family of 2 making \$31,460 or less per year. To find more information regarding eligibility <u>click here</u>.</p>
<p><u>Maine Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</u></p> <p><u>Multiple Locations Throughout Maine</u> Phone: (800)-437-9300</p> <p><u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic</u></p>	<p>The WIC Program provides supplemental foods, nutrition education and referrals to health care, at no cost, to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are determined to be at nutritional risk. To be fully eligible for the WIC Program, applicants must be determined by a health professional, at no cost, to be at nutritional risk (i.e., have certain medical-based or diet-based risk conditions).</p> <p>To apply, set up an appointment at the <u>WIC clinic closest to you</u>.</p> <p>Clients Served: Must be a resident of the state of Maine; a pregnant, breastfeeding and/or postpartum woman; an infant or child up to 5 years of age; and individually determined by a health professional to be at nutrition risk.</p> <p>Example of an Eligible Household: A family of 2 making \$29,471 or less per year. To find more information regarding eligibility <u>click here</u>.</p>

<p><u>Maine Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</u></p> <p>19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207) 624-4168</p> <p><u>http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/services/snap/index.html</u></p>	<p>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food assistance benefits that help low income households buy the food they need for good health. The amount of food assistance benefits each household receives is based on the Thrifty Food Plan, the model diet plan the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) uses to project the cost of food for one month for different household sizes.</p> <p>To apply, <u>download an application</u>. Once the application is completed it can be returned to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) office via e-mail or fax, or in person. To locate a DHHS office near you <u>click here</u>.</p> <p>Clients Served: In order to qualify for this benefit program, you must be a resident of the state of Maine and fall into one of two groups: (1) those with a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under \$2,001, or (2) those with a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under \$3,001 who share their household with a person or persons age 60 and over, or with a person with a disability (a child, your spouse, a parent, or yourself).</p> <p>Example of an Eligible Household: A family of 2 making \$29,471 or less per year. To find more information regarding eligibility <u>click here</u>.</p>

<p><u>Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</u></p> <p>19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207) 624-4168</p> <p>http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1664</p>	<p>Maine TANF is financial assistance to keep children in their homes while the family is temporarily unable to support themselves. While receiving assistance, parents or caretaker relatives work on an employment plan to become self-supporting.</p> <p>To apply, download an application. To locate your local Bureau of Family Independence regional office and ask about TANF click here.</p> <p>Clients Served: You must be a resident of Maine, either pregnant or responsible for a child under 19 years of age, a U.S. national, citizen, legal alien, or permanent resident, have low or very low income and be either under-employed (working for very low wages), unemployed or about to become unemployed or a child (ren) that is deprived of the care and support of a parent because of death, disability, continued absence or un/under-employment.</p>
<p><u>Maine Unemployment Assistance</u></p> <p>Maine Department of Labor 54 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: 1-(800)-593-7660</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/benefits.html</p>	<p>Unemployment insurance benefits provide temporary financial assistance to workers unemployed through no fault of their own that meet Maine's eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Clients Served: You must have worked in Maine during the past 12 to 18 months, and have earned at least a minimum amount of wages as determined by our guidelines. You must also be able to work and available for work each week that you are collecting benefits.</p>
<p><u>Emergency Assistance</u></p> <p>11 State House Station 19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207) 624-4168</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofiservices/general-assistance/</p>	<p>Emergency Assistance provides benefits to families with children in some situations when the family is threatened by destitution or homelessness due to an emergency situation. These situations include fire, other natural disasters, termination of utility service, evictions, or lack of adequate shelter. To apply download an application. Once the application is completed it can be returned to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) office via e-mail or fax, or in person. To locate a DHHS office near you click here.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of financial assistance after experiencing an emergency.</p>

<p><u>Alternative Aid (DHHS)</u></p> <p>11 State House Station 19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207)-624-4168</p> <p>http://www.meip.org/content/alternative-aid-short-term-alternative-tanf</p>	<p>Alternative Aid helps families with children who are not on TANF resolve emergencies that prevent them from getting or keeping a job. For example, the program provides help with car repairs, childcare, uniforms, housing-related emergencies, or even dental work if those things are needed to help them get or keep a job. Aid is given in the form of a voucher and can equal up to three months' worth of TANF benefits (\$1,089 for a family of 2 or \$1,455 for a family of 3). You can apply for Alternative Aid once every twelve months.</p> <p>Example of an Eligible Household: A family of 2 people making a gross annual income of \$1,766 or less.</p> <p>To apply contact the DHHS office closest to you.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals living in Maine who are in need of emergency financial assistance but are not on TANF.</p>
<p><u>ASPIRE/TANF (DHHS)</u></p> <p>30 Skyway Drive, Unit 100 Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207)-493-4000</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/</p>	<p>ASPIRE/TANF is a program that helps TANF recipients find employment that will pay enough to make it possible for them to get off welfare. In addition to ASPIRE/TANF the government offers ASPIRE/JET which is a program that helps Food Supplement recipients find employment.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those receiving TANF assistance from the government.</p>

Northern Region

(Including Caribou, Presque Isle, Winterville, Millinocket, Linneus)

Native Specific Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Aroostook Band of Micmacs-Social Services</u></p> <p>7 Northern Road Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)764-1972</p> <p>http://www.micmac-nsn.gov/html/social_services.html</p>	<p>Social services offered by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs include access to assistance provided through the government of Maine (LIHEAP, ECIP) as well as emergency assistance, disaster assistance, assistance with elders and assistance with children among other services.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.</p>
<p><u>Aroostook Band of Micmacs- Food Bank</u></p> <p>9 Northern Rd Presque Isle, Maine Phone: (207)-764-1972</p> <p>http://www.micmac-nsn.gov/html/social_services.html</p>	<p>Hours for the food bank are Monday through Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. Appointments should be made ahead of time by calling the number listed.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Aroostook Bank of Micmacs.</p>
<p><u>Micmac Indian Child Welfare Program</u></p> <p>9 Northern Rd Presque Isle, Maine Phone: (207)-764-1972</p> <p>http://www.micmac-nsn.gov/html/icwa.html</p>	<p>The goals of this program are to ensure the safety of all Tribal children, strengthen families, encourage community responsibility in raising their children and keep children, who are placed out of the home, culturally connected to the Tribe.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Aroostook Bank of Micmacs.</p>

<p><u>Micmac Health Department</u></p> <p>8 Northern Rd Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)764-7219</p> <p>http://www.micmac-nsn.gov/html/micmac_health.html</p>	<p>The Micmac Health Department provides clinic services, contract health, community health, behavioral health, a fitness center and an environmental center.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.</p>
<p><u>Aroostook Band of Micmacs- Housing Services</u></p> <p>9 Northern Rd Presque Isle, Maine Phone: (207)-764-1972</p> <p>http://www.micmac-nsn.gov/html/housing.html</p>	<p>The Aroostook Band of Micmacs Housing Department goal is to seek a diverse variety of housing opportunities, including but not limited to, affordable housing and housing for elder members and special needs members to meet the needs of various types of household and income levels, while assuring that the housing is safe, decent and sanitary. The Micmac Housing Department housing portfolio consists of housing located in four distinct areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BonAire site located in Presque Isle • The Title VI Program site located in Caribou • The Connor site located in Connor • A Duplex sit located in Litteton <p>Clients Served: Members of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.</p>
<p><u>Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians- Career Opportunities</u></p> <p>88 Bell Road Littleton, Maine 04730 Phone: (207)-532-4273 (Ext. 205)</p> <p>http://www.maliseets.com/career.htm</p>	<p>Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' Human Resources Coordinator provides support for Job Development, Recruitment, Screening, Placement and Career Advancement for all departments. Click here to download job applications and job listings. Applications cannot be delivered electronically so they must be mailed or delivered in person to the address listed.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.</p>

<p><u>Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians-Health Department</u></p> <p>3 Clover Circle Houlton, Maine 04730 Phone: (207)-532-2240 (Ext. 132)</p> <p>http://www.maliseets.com/health%20 department.htm</p>	<p>The HBMI Health department provides an array of health services to tribal members. The department has one full-time and one part-time doctor. Other services that are provided include: some laboratory services, blood draws, the Transportation Department, Contract Medical Care (arranges appointments and payments for outside services), Community Health Representatives and a Registered Nurse, Diabetes Program, Youth Program Coordinator, Substance Abuse Counselor, Behavioral Health Counselor, Domestic Violence Response Program, and the Maliseet Wellness Center.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.</p>
<p><u>Maliseet Youth Department</u></p> <p>Director: Chris Weber Houlton, Maine Phone: (207)-532-2240 (Ext. 130)</p> <p>http://www.maliseets.com/youth.htm</p>	<p>The Maliseet Youth Department will provide youth in grades K-12 with fun cultural, educational and physical activities. The Maliseet Youth Department provides opportunities for our youth to learn and develop sportsmanship, integrity, character, social skills and lifelong friendships.</p> <p>Clients Served: Children in Kindergarten through 12th grade who are members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.</p>
<p><u>Maliseet Indian Housing Authority</u></p> <p>Director: Aaron Greenlaw Phone: (207)-532-7637</p> <p>http://www.maliseets.com/MIHA.htm</p>	<p>Provides housing assistance to tribal members.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.</p>

<p><u>Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Social Services & Child Welfare</u></p> <p>Director: Susanna Wright Phone: (207)-532-7260</p> <p>http://www.maliseets.com/social_services.htm</p>	<p>HBMI Social Services and Indian Child Welfare Departments are located within the Village on Tribal land. The Social Services Department works one-on-one with members of the Tribal Community.</p> <p>Social Services programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Pantry • LI-Heap & Weatherization Services • Child Care • General Assistance • Clothes Closet • Homemaker Services • Transportation • B T I O and Miscellaneous Assistance <p>Clients Served: Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.</p>
<p><u>Maliseet Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center</u></p> <p>690 Foxcroft Road Houlton, Maine 04730 Phone: (207)-694-1353</p> <p>http://www.maliseets.com/domestic_violence.htm</p>	<p>The Maliseet Indian Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center is dedicated to ending violence against Native women by assisting victims in regaining personal safety and control of their lives, ensuing accountability of perpetrators of violence within the Tribal and non-Tribal legal systems and law enforcements. This center offers a variety of services including emergency shelter, confidential support, safety planning, hospital accompaniment, support groups, court advocacy and more.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.</p>
<p><u>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</u></p> <p><u>Presque Isle Office:</u> 373 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207) 774-8211</p> <p>For multiple other locations click here.</p> <p>http://ptla.org/</p>	<p>Pine Tree Legal Assistance provides legal services to members of the Micmac, Maliseet, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes and to other Indians residing in Maine. They travel to Indian Island, Indian Township, and Pleasant Point at least once a month. For their schedule of visitation in these areas click here.</p> <p>Clients Served: Native American members of the Micmac, Maliseet, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes in Maine as well as low-income individuals not affiliated with the tribes.</p>

Emergency Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Cary Medical Center</u></p> <p>163 Van Buren Rd Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207)- 498-3111</p> <p>http://www.carymedicalcenter.org/</p>	<p>This medical facility provides a wide range of medical services including SANE/SART examinations in the event of sexual assault.</p> <p><u>What to expect during a SANE/SART exam</u></p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals</p>
<p><u>I Care Ministries Food Pantry</u></p> <p>45 Spring Street Millinocket, Maine 04462 Phone: (207)-723-7977</p> <p>http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/foodbank.cgi?foodbank=8730</p>	<p>I Care Ministries Food Pantry is a food pantry. Hours: Mondays through Fridays and 8am-5 pm. Links to additional food banks and soup kitchens in Northern Maine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashland • Caribou • Eagle Lake • Fort Kent • Houlton • Presque Isle <p>Clients Served: All individuals</p>

<p><u>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</u></p> <p>Presque Isle Office: 373 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207) 774-8211</p> <p>For other locations click here.</p> <p>http://ptla.org/protection-abuse-how-law-works-maine</p>	<p>This website offers information on various types of abuse and the legal steps that can be taken towards achieving safety for those in dangerous situations. Click here to download paperwork to file a Protection from Abuse order.</p> <p>Click here to download paperwork to file a Protection from Harassment Order.</p> <p>Information offered through this website includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What a protection order is. • How to handle harassment and the abuse of a child. • Details on where to file an order and other information. • How long it will take the order to go into effect. • Information on the defendant’s knowledge of the report and the subsequent actions that will take place after it is filed. <p>Protection orders are free to file.</p> <p>Client Served: Those who are interested in filing a protection order.</p>
<p><u>Hope & Justice Project- Emergency Shelter</u></p> <p>209 State Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Hotline: 1-(800)-439-2323 Phone: (207)-764-2977</p> <p>http://www.hopeandjusticeproject.org/</p>	<p>At the emergency shelters offered by the Hope & Justice Center, they welcome adults and children. They have locations in the Saint John Valley, Caribou, and Houlton. At each shelter, they offer emotional support, information, and advocacy.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those escaping domestic violence situations.</p>

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Cary Medical Center</u></p> <p>163 Van Buren Rd Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207- 498-3111</p> <p>http://www.carymedicalcenter.org/</p>	<p>This medical facility provides a wide range of medical services including SANE/SART examinations in the event of sexual assault.</p> <p>What to expect during a SANE/SART exam</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>
<p><u>TAMC</u></p> <p>140 Academy St. Presque Isle, Maine Phone: (207)-768-4000</p> <p>http://www.tamc.org/</p>	<p>This medical facility provides a wide range of medical services including SANE/SART examinations in the event of sexual assault.</p> <p>What to expect during a SANE/SART exam</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals</p>
<p><u>Millinocket Regional Hospital</u></p> <p>200 Somerset St, Millinocket, ME 04462 Phone (207)-723-5161</p> <p>http://www.mrhme.org/</p>	<p>This medical facility provides a wide range of medical services including SANE/SART examinations in the event of sexual assault.</p> <p>What to expect during a SANE/SART exam</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>

Shelter and Housing Assistance Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Homeless Services of Aroostook - Sister Mary O'Donnell Homeless Shelter</u></p> <p>745 Central Drive Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)-764-5114</p> <p>http://www.arostookhomeless.org/about-us/programs/</p>	<p>Sister Mary O'Donnell Homeless shelter is a private non-profit, non-denominational organization. It provides temporary shelter for families with/without children as well as individuals who are eighteen or older and who have no means of support. This is a drug and alcohol free facility. All basic needs are met and case management is provided and required.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those who are homeless.</p>
<p><u>Homeless Services of Aroostook – Transitional Housing</u></p> <p>745 Central Drive Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)-764-5114</p> <p>http://www.arostookhomeless.org/about-us/programs/</p>	<p>Provides a supportive housing program to families with children in transition from homelessness. Families must have a rent subsidy voucher to qualify. This is a one year program with the option to extend to a second year. It's designed to assist families to reach self-sufficiency by providing them with temporary stable housing and life skills training while enabling them to work toward their goal of independence.</p> <p>Clients Served: Families that want to transition out of homelessness.</p>
<p><u>Hope & Justice Project – Emergency Shelter</u></p> <p>209 State Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Hotline: 1-(800)-439-2323 Phone: (207)-764-2977</p> <p>http://www.hopeandjusticeproject.org/</p>	<p>At the emergency shelters offered by the Hope & Justice Center, they welcome adults and children. They have locations in the Saint John Valley, Caribou, and Houlton. At each shelter, they offer emotional support, information, and advocacy.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those escaping domestic violence situations.</p>

<p><u>Hope & Justice Project – Transitional Housing</u></p> <p>209 State Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Hotline: 1-(800)-439-2323 Phone: (207)-764-2977</p> <p>http://www.hopeandjusticeproject.org/</p>	<p>If you’re working to stay safe and free from relationships that involve violence, you might want to consider living the transitional housing option offered by the Hope & Justice Project. They welcome survivors of domestic abuse for up to two years. It’s safe, affordable, and includes the kind of supportive services that will help you succeed.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those escaping domestic violence.</p>
<p><u>Battered Women’s Project</u></p> <p>P.O. Box: 1358 Caribou, ME - 04736 Phone: (207)-498-6146</p>	<p>Housing for abused and battered women. It’s location is secret and provides food, shelter, and clothing. Also assist with relocation as well as some legal services.</p> <p>Clients Served: Female survivors of domestic violence.</p>
<p><u>AMHC</u></p> <p>139 Market Square Fort Kent, ME 4743 Phone: (888)-653-5557</p> <p>http://www.amhc.org/</p>	<p>Aroostook Mental Health Center provides rehabilitation services for residents of Aroostook County including a sober living home that provides a place for those suffering from addiction transition back into society.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those suffering from addiction residing in Aroostook County.</p>

Legal Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>The Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project</u></p> <p>P.O. Box 547 Portland, Maine 04112 Phone: 1-(800)-442-4293</p> <p>For other locations throughout Maine click here.</p> <p>http://www.vlp.org/</p>	<p>The Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project is a legal aid organization that provides free legal information, assistance, and representation to Mainers with low incomes facing civil legal issues.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals with low-income who are seeking legal assistance.</p>
<p><u>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</u></p> <p><u>Presque Isle Office:</u> 373 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)-774-8211</p> <p>For multiple other locations throughout Maine click here.</p> <p>http://ptla.org/</p>	<p>Pine Tree Legal Assistance provides free legal help to residents of Maine with low incomes.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals with low-income who are seeking legal assistance.</p>
<p><u>Maine Equal Justice Partnership</u></p> <p>126 Sewall St, Augusta, Maine 04330 Phone:(207) 626-7058</p> <p>http://www.mejp.org/</p>	<p>The mission of Maine Equal Justice Partnership is to improve the systems and supports that affect people with low income so that they can live with dignity and economic security. We advocate on behalf of people with low income in the areas of health care, food assistance, income supports, employment, and education and training. Maine Equal Justice provides a voice for people with low income through representation in the courts, the Legislature, and administrative agencies; legal policy research and analysis; and education and training about their legal rights and opportunities to participate in public policy reform.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals with low-income who are seeking legal assistance.</p>

Children, Youth, and Family Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Aroostook Council For Healthy Families</u></p> <p><u>Houlton Office:</u> 37 Bangor Street, Suite 7 Houlton, Maine 04730 Phone: (207)-532-7405</p> <p><u>Presque Isle:</u> 480 Main Street, Suite 202 Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)-764-3495</p> <p>http://www.aroostookcouncilforhealthyfamilies.org/</p>	<p>Aroostook Council For Healthy Families is Aroostook’s child abuse prevention agency. It provides a variety of services aimed at strengthening family connections.</p> <p>Services Provided Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lending Library of videos & books for parents & professionals • Child & Family Centers in Presque Isle and Houlton • Services for Schools • Educational Programs for children, parents, and providers • Support Groups and Parenting Classes • Play-groups, Story Times, and Community Events <p>Clients Served: Families in Aroostook County.</p>
<p><u>Community Health and Counseling Services</u></p> <p><u>Caribou Office:</u> 137 Bennett Drive, Suite #2 Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207) 496-3166</p> <p><u>Fort Kent Office:</u> 413 West Main St., Fort Kent, Maine 04743 Phone: (207)-834-4410</p> <p>http://www.chcs-me.org/</p>	<p>Community Health and Counseling Services provides a variety of services to families in Aroostook County.</p> <p>Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Centered Services • Kinship home studies • Parenting classes • Skills building • Supervised visits • Targeted case management • Therapy (office / in home) • Treatment Foster Care <p>Clients Served: Families residing in Aroostook County.</p>

<p><u>Families United</u></p> <p>14 Sweden St., Suite 101 Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: 492-0100</p> <p>http://www.familiesunited-fyi.org/</p>	<p>Families United provides services to help reunify and strengthen families. They accomplish this through the Child and Parent Empowerment (CAPE) Program and the Family Reunification Program (FRP)</p> <p>CAPE: This is a voluntary program for families that have been referred to DHHS Child Protection Services. Successful completion may deter further DHHS involvement. Program objectives are: increased child safety, increased family stability, and to encourage community involvement.</p> <p>FRP: This is a 4-month program with 24/7 access that provides direct solution-focused supportive intervention and services to help meet family specific needs. A 2-person team (1-Masters and 1-Bachelors level) works with the family to develop goals, action plans, and progress realization.</p> <p>Client Served: Individuals residing in Aroostook County.</p>
<p><u>Boys & Girls Club of Presque Isle</u></p> <p>7 Northern Rd Presque Isle Maine 04769 Phone: (207) 764-1974.</p> <p>http://www.pi-bgc.org/</p>	<p>Boys & Girls Club of Presque Isle serves over 150 youth in Presque Isle, Caribou, Mapleton, Ashland, Mars Hill and more. Additionally, this center is partnered with the Micmac Youth Department. The Boys & Girls Club provides children with programs that help shape them into successful adults. These programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, art skills, and sports fitness and recreation.</p> <p>To find additional Boys & Girls Club locations click here.</p> <p>Clients served: Youth between the ages of 5 and 17 residing in Aroostook County.</p>

<p><u>Kids First</u></p> <p>Redington-Fairview General Hospital 46 Fairview Avenue Skowhegan, Maine Phone: 207-859-1580</p> <p>http://www.kvcap.org/index.php?id=450&sub_id=776</p>	<p>Kids First is a one-day, four-hour workshop, designed to help parents address problems and promote reduction of the negative effects of divorce. The workshop will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's needs as the marital and family roles change • The effects of divorce on children and children's reaction to divorce • Making decisions about parenting arrangements • Dealing with conflict without involving children • Helping children adjust to differences between households <p>All workshops are held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Check-in is 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Childcare is not available. This program is for adults only.</p> <p>Clients Served: Parents of families that are experiencing divorce and have children.</p>
<p><u>Sweetser</u></p> <p>Multiple locations throughout Maine</p> <p>http://www.sweetser.org/</p>	<p>Sweetser is one of Maine’s most comprehensive mental health organizations for children, adults and families. Sweetser offers services that address emotional issues, major mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders and educational disabilities through an integrated network of care that responds to the unique strengths and needs of each child, adult and family that seeks our help. Working in more than 75 communities throughout Maine, Sweetser offers outpatient therapy and medication management services through a statewide network of affiliated clinicians, school-based practitioners and office-based practices.</p> <p>Includes multiple locations throughout Maine including Belfast, Brunswick, Lewiston and more.</p> <p>Clients Served: Families in need of mental health services.</p>

LGBTQ/2 Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>The Bridge Alliance</u></p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/TheBridgeAlliance</p>	<p>The Bridge Alliance strives to support, educate and promote advocacy of you LGBTA community in Northern and Eastern Maine by hosting social activities.</p> <p>Clients Served: Youth who identify as LGBTQ.</p>
<p><u>Outright L/A</u></p> <p>79 Lisbon Street Lewiston, Maine 04240 Phone: (207) 795-8956</p> <p>http://www.outrightla.org/</p>	<p>Outright L/A offers resources and programs for youth identifying as LBGTO in the Lewiston/Auburn area.</p> <p>Clients Served: LGBTQ youth between the ages of 14-21.</p>

Physical and Mental Healthcare Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>AMHC</u></p> <p>162 Main St, Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone:(207)-768-3304</p> <p>http://www.amhc.org/</p>	<p>AMHC offers a comprehensive and integrated array of mental health, substance abuse, brain injury health services that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling and Case Management • Emergency and Crisis Services • Residential Treatment • Group Homes and Apartments • Therapeutic Foster Care • Outpatient brain injury rehabilitation • Sexual assault victim advocacy and education <p>Clients Served: Individuals in Aroostook.</p>
<p><u>The Northern Lighthouse</u></p> <p><u>Presque Isle Office:</u> 172 Academy Street Presque Isle, ME 04769 Phone: (207)-540-1522</p> <p><u>Additional locations</u></p> <p>http://www.tnlh.org/</p>	<p>The Northern Lighthouse is a non-profit organization providing a wide variety of mental health services. Services are available from the Greater Houlton area to the St. John Valley with locations in Caribou, Fort Kent, Mars Hill, Houlton and Presque Isle. The Northern Lighthouse provides outpatient as well as residential treatment options. The outpatient therapy offered by Northern Lighthouse is for children, adults and families. They specialize in dyadic developmental psychotherapy which is a family therapy treatment based on attachment.</p> <p>The Northern Lighthouse accepts Medicare, MaineCare and self-pay. Their offices serve patients regardless of inability to pay. A sliding scale discount for essential services are offered depending upon family size and income.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals seeking mental health treatment.</p>

<p><u>Pines Health Services</u></p> <p><u>Pines Caribou Health Center</u> 74 Access Highway Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207) 498-2356</p> <p><u>Pines Presque Isle Family Health Center</u> 66 Spruce Street, Suite 4 Presque Isle, ME 04769 Phone: (207) 769-2025</p> <p>For additional locations in Northern Maine click here.</p> <p>http://www.pineshealth.org/</p>	<p>Pines Health Services is a non-profit, community-based physician practice serving the residents of Aroostook County, Maine. More than forty dedicated Pines providers deliver patient-centered primary and specialty care services at locations in Caribou, Presque Isle, Van Buren, and new primary care locations in Washburn and Fort Fairfield.</p> <p>Services Provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Practice • Internal Medicine • Pediatrics • Specialty Care • Gynecology • Neurology • Ophthalmology • Surgical Services • <p>Clients Served: Individuals in Aroostook County.</p>
<p><u>Fish River Rural Health (FRRH)</u></p> <p>3 Mountain View Drive Fort Kent, Maine 04743 Phone: (207)-834-3971</p> <p>http://www.frrh.org/</p>	<p>Fish River Rural Health (FRRH) is a private, nonprofit organization. FRRH has a sliding discount reduces fees according to family size and income.</p> <p>Services provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Care • Dental Care • Counseling Services <p>Clients Served: Individuals residing in Aroostook County.</p>

Employment Assistance

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Aroostook Community Action Program (ACAP) – Workforce Development</u></p> <p>771 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)-764-3721</p> <p>http://www.acap-me.org/community-services.html</p>	<p>ACAP serves job seekers County-wide at offices located in Madawaska, Presque Isle, and Houlton. Individuals who are looking for a first job, a next job, a better job, or a whole new career can meet with individual Job Counselors to help them plan their next steps.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals living in Aroostook County.</p>
<p><u>ASPIRE/TANF (DHHS)</u></p> <p>30 Skyway Drive, Unit 100 Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207)-493-4000</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/</p>	<p>ASPIRE/TANF is a program that helps TANF recipients find employment that will pay enough to make it possible for them to get off welfare. In addition to ASPIRE/TANF the government offers ASPIRE/JET, which is a program that helps Food Supplement recipients find employment.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those receiving TANF assistance from the government.</p>
<p><u>New Ventures Maine</u></p> <p>181 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)- 768-9635</p> <p>http://www.newventuresmaine.org</p>	<p>Services include classes and workshops at no charge, in-person and online options and one-on-one coaching in building a career, starting a business, and managing finances.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those seeking employment assistance in the state of Maine.</p>

Financial and Utilities Assistance

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Salvation Army</u></p> <p>12 Court Street, Houlton, ME 04730 Phone: (207)-532-2322</p> <p>For multiple locations throughout Maine click here.</p> <p>http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/maine_salvation_army_financial.html</p>	<p>Salvation Army Corp centers can offer direct assistance. Some of the resources offered to Maine families include a food pantry, clothing vouchers, referrals, and limited financial help for emergency basic needs. Social Service Case Workers can meet with individuals and refer them to local programs, or provide direct assistance and support. They will also work with clients to create a long-term solution to their hardship.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of emergency financial assistance.</p>
<p><u>Aroostook Community Action Program (ACAP – Community Services)</u></p> <p>771 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207)-764-3721</p> <p>http://www.acap-me.org/community-services.html</p>	<p>ACAP provides individuals and families programs that offer financial assistance and emergency services, case management, and Healthy Aroostook, a Healthy Maine Partnership.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals living in Aroostook County.</p>
<p><u>Alternative Aid (DHHS)</u></p> <p>11 State House Station 19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207)-624-4168</p> <p>http://www.mejp.org/content/alternative-aid-short-term-alternative-tanf</p>	<p>Alternative Aid helps families with children who are not on TANF resolve emergencies that prevent them from getting or keeping a job. For example, the program provides help with car repairs, childcare, uniforms, housing-related emergencies, or even dental work if those things are needed to help them get or keep a job. Aid is given in the form of a voucher and can equal up to three months' worth of TANF benefits (\$1,089 for a family of 2 or \$1,455 for a family of 3). You can apply for Alternative Aid once every twelve months. To apply contact the DHHS office closest to you.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals living in Maine who are in need of emergency financial assistance but are not on TANF.</p>

[Helping Hands for Children & Families](#)

771 Main St. (ACAP Building),
Presque Isle, ME 04769

Phone: (207)-768-3115

<http://www.ainop.com/users/hhcf>

This organization provides information regarding resources in Aroostook county, resource referral and provides small (under \$500) 0% interest loans to people with a serious need, the ability to repay, and that do not qualify for any other assistance.

Clients Served: Residents of Aroostook County.

Violence Prevention and Intervention Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Hope & Justice Project</u></p> <p>209 State Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Hotline: 1-(800)-439-2323 Phone: (207)-764-2977</p> <p>http://www.hopeandjusticeproject.org/</p>	<p>The Hope & Justice Project provides support and advocacy for those experiencing domestic violence. They offer a range of support groups that connect women with those sharing similar experiences regardless of what path they are choosing to take in resolving their issues. Additionally, they provide safety-planning services.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those who have experienced domestic violence.</p>
<p><u>Northern New England Community Resource</u></p> <p><u>Caribou:</u> Cary Medical Center 163 Van Buren Rd Caribou, Maine 04736</p> <p><u>Houlton:</u> Houlton Regional Hospital 20 Hartford St Houlton, Maine 04730</p> <p><u>Presque Isle:</u> Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce 3 Houlton Rd Presque Isle, Maine 04769</p> <p>Phone: (207)-694-3066</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/corrections/VictimServices/BatIntervent.htm</p>	<p>This 48 week program is available in Caribou, Presque Isle and Houlton. It is designed to educate batterers to understand that violence is an act of power and control, the use of physical or verbal abuse is an individual choice, and the choice not to be abusive leads to improved communication with partners and children. Program will teach participants to take responsibility for their actions and to develop a willingness to change their abusive behavior.</p> <p><u>Caribou:</u> Meets every Tuesday from 5:30 – 9:00 PM at Cary Medical Center</p> <p><u>Houlton:</u> Meets Every Wednesday 5:30 – 9:00 PM at Houlton Regional Hospital</p> <p><u>Presque Isle:</u> Meets every Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Clients Served: Those who have acted in violence ways against their significant other.</p>

Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance

PO Box 192
Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426
Phone: (207)-564-8166

<http://www.sprucerun.net/>

Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance provides information and resources for victims of domestic violence.

They offer information about:

- Domestic abuse, Dating abuse, Safety planning, Community awareness events,
- How you can help if you're concerned about someone else
- State-certified Batterers Intervention Programs if you're abusive and want to stop the violence

Services they offer:

- Advocacy—help as you navigate the social service and legal systems
- Support groups, Education groups, Legal services, Children's services, Shelters, Transitional housing

Clients Served: Victims of domestic violence.

Transportation Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Aroostook Regional Transportation System</u></p> <p>24 Houlton Road Presque Isle, Maine 04769 Phone: (207) 764-1290</p> <p><u>http://www.arostooktransportation.org/</u></p>	<p>ARTS is a non-profit organization which provides demand response transportation services on a scheduled basis throughout northern Maine. ARTS serves all of Aroostook County, the Danforth area in Washington County and the Patten area in Penobscot county.</p> <p>Bus schedules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Caribou</u> • <u>Fort Kent</u> • <u>Houlton</u> • <u>Presque Isle</u> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>
<p><u>Salvation Army</u></p> <p>12 Court Street Houlton, ME 04730 Phone: 532-2322</p> <p><u>http://www.salvationarmy.org/</u></p>	<p>The Salvation provides assistance to homeless individuals and individuals with low incomes in a variety of ways including fuel assistance.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals who are homeless or who are low-income.</p>

Southern Region

(Including Bangor, Portland, Augusta, Brunswick)

Native Specific Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</u></p> <p><u>Portland Office:</u> 88 Federal Street Portland Maine 04112 Phone: (207) 774-8211</p> <p>For multiple other locations click here.</p> <p>http://ptla.org/</p>	<p>Pine Tree Legal Assistance provides legal services to members of the Micmac, Maliseet, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes and to other Indians residing in Maine. They travel to Indian Island, Indian Township, and Pleasant Point at least once a month. For their schedule of visitation in these areas click here.</p> <p>Clients Served: Native American members of the Micmac, Maliseet, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes in Maine.</p>
<p><u>Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township Housing Authority</u></p> <p>Executive Director: Dawn Tomah P.O. Box 99, U.S. Route 1 Princeton, Maine 04668 Phone: (207)-796-8004</p> <p>http://www.passamaquoddy.com/?page_id=77</p>	<p>The Indian Township Housing Authority acts as a community agency that works closely with other community improvement organizations involved in providing better housing for low-income families, eliminating substandard housing, effective housing code enforcement, and uplifting and encouraging self-improvement of the community’s low-income families. The Indian Township Housing Authority operates under a financial assistance contract with the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).</p> <p>Clients Served: Member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township.</p>

<p><u>Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point Health Center</u></p> <p>11 Back Road Pleasant Point, Maine 04667 Phone: (207)-853-0644 For 24 hour emergency services call: (207) 853-2551</p> <p>http://www.wabanaki.com/wabanaki_new/health_center.html</p>	<p>The Pleasant Point Health Center was established by Tribal Government to provide direct health care services eligible individuals. Patients are able to access a broad scope of health care services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy • General medicine • Endocrinology • Diabetes care, • Well-child examinations • Internal medicine • Behavioral health • Psychiatry • General dentistry • Nursing • Laboratory services • And more <p>Hours of Operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular hours of operation: Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM • Walk-in Clinic: Monday – Friday (Come in between 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM to register.) • Routine and Follow-up appointments are scheduled for patients by the receptionist (Please provide 24-hour notice for cancellations.) • Pharmacy: Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM • Dental services: Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM <p>Clients Served: Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point.</p>

<p><u>Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point Social Services</u></p> <p>Phone: (207)-853-2600 (ext. 258)</p> <p><u>http://www.wabanaki.com/wabanaki_new/Social_Services.html</u></p>	<p>General Assistance: designed to provide financial assistance to all eligible community members residing on the Pleasant Point Reservation</p> <p>Child Welfare Assistance: This component consists of financial assistance for foster children who have been removed from families due to abuse and neglect</p> <p>Family and Community Services: The purpose of this program component is to effectively intervene in dysfunctional individual and family settings, in an attempt to establish effective and adequate coping mechanisms necessary, in order to begin to reduce and ultimately eliminate those behaviors that often times perpetuate generational dysfunctional behavior.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point.</p>
<p><u>Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point Housing Authority</u></p> <p>Phone: (207)-853-6021</p> <p><u>http://www.wabanaki.com/hud_program.htm</u></p>	<p>The purpose of the housing authority is to construct, improve and develop resources for safe, decent and sanitary housing accommodations for all eligible Passamaquoddy Tribal Members of the Pleasant Point Reservation.</p> <p>Such activities will include but limited to: improving, developing and cause to finance essential community facilities, assist tribal members to access guarantee loans offered by HUD, State of Maine Housing Rural Development and USDA.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point.</p>

<p><u>Penobscot Nation Social Services</u></p> <p>Phone: (207)-817-7492</p> <p>https://www.penobscotnation.org/departments/social-services</p>	<p>It is the mission of the Social Services Department to assist the community of the Penobscot Nation and their families. Services provided include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult protective services • Child welfare/ ICWA • Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault (DV/SA) • Food Pantry • General Assistance <p>Clients Served: Members of the Penobscot Nation tribe.</p>
<p><u>Penobscot Nation Housing Department</u></p> <p>Phone: (207) 817-7372</p> <p>https://www.penobscotnation.org/departments/housing</p>	<p>The Housing Department manages nearly 94 units of single and multi-unit housing for income eligible households. Applicants may apply for single bedroom up to 4 bedroom homes, as well as designated elderly and disabled units. In addition, the Housing Department operates a number of other programs that provide emergency rental assistance; emergency repairs for owner-occupied homes; and assistance with closing costs associated with home purchases.</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Penobscot Nation tribe.</p>
<p><u>The Penobscot Nation Health Department</u></p> <p>23 Wabanaki Way Indian Island, Maine 04468 Phone: (207)-817-7400</p> <p>https://www.penobscotnation.org/departments/indian-health-services</p>	<p>“The goal of the Penobscot Nation Health Department is to provide readily available, comprehensive, quality care to members of the Penobscot community, the Penobscot Nation, and other eligible persons. A wide range of services is available including family medical care, family planning, prenatal, pharmacy, medical laboratory, dental, community health case management, nutrition counseling, health promotion and disease prevention, diabetes control and prevention, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling and prevention, and environmental health services.”</p> <p>Clients Served: Members of the Penobscot Nation tribe.</p>

Emergency Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Bread of Life Ministries (BOLM)</u></p> <p>157 Water Street Augusta, Maine 04330-4607 Phone: 207-626-3434 Kitchen Phone: 207-621-2541</p> <p><u>http://www.mainebreadoflife.org/bolms-services/soup-kitchen/</u></p>	<p>The Soup Kitchen is more of a “full meal” kitchen in that it provides a complete, hot meal Monday through Saturday throughout the year. <u>Soup Kitchen Hours:</u> Monday thru Saturday – 11:00 am to 12:30 pm</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>
<p><u>Augusta Food Bank</u></p> <p>9 Summer Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Phone: (207)-622-5225</p> <p><u>http://www.foodpantries.org/li/me-augusta-food-bank</u></p>	<p>Open Monday-Thursday from 12:30pm-2pm and Monday evenings from 5:30pm-7pm, for all income eligible residents of Augusta and Manchester.</p> <p>Clients Served: All eligible individuals.</p>
<p><u>Tedford Housing Emergency Shelter</u></p> <p>PO Box 958 Brunswick, Maine 04011 Administrative Phone: (207)-729-1161 Adult Shelter Phone: (207)-729-1161 (ext. #104) after 3:30pm on weekdays or any time on the weekends Family Shelter Phone: (207)-729-1161 (ext. #113)</p> <p><u>http://tedfordhousing.org/programs/emergency-shelters/</u></p>	<p>Tedford Housing provides emergency homeless shelter at two facilities in Brunswick, Maine. The adult shelter houses 16 adults (both male and female). The family shelter consists of six private apartments, each with its own bathroom and kitchen. Guests at both shelters work with a case manager to develop an individual plan to obtain permanent housing and other services.</p> <p>Clients Served: Two locations serving men and women and one and families at the other.</p>

<p><u>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</u></p> <p><u>Portland Office:</u> 88 Federal Street Portland, Maine 04112 Phone: (207) 774-8211</p> <p>For multiple other locations click here.</p> <p>http://ptla.org/protection-abuse-how-law-works-maine</p>	<p>This website offers information on various types of abuse and the legal steps that can be taken towards achieving safety for those in dangerous situations. Click here to download paperwork to file a Protection from Abuse order.</p> <p>Click here to download paperwork to file a Protection from Harassment Order.</p> <p>Information offered through this website includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What a protection order is.• How to handle harassment and the abuse of a child.• Details on where to file an order and other information.• How long it will take the order to go into effect.• Information on the defendant’s knowledge of the report and the subsequent actions that will take place after it is filed. <p>Protection orders are free to file.</p> <p>Client Served: Those who are interested in filing a protection order.</p>
<p><u>Southern Maine Health Care</u></p> <p><u>Biddeford:</u> 1 Medical Center Drive Phone: (207)-283-7000</p> <p><u>Sanford:</u> 25 June Street Phone: (207)-324-4310</p> <p>http://www.smhc.org/</p>	<p>Southern Maine Health Care offers a range of emergency services including SANE/SART examination services to help those who have experience sexual assault.</p> <p>What to expect from a SART/SANE exam.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of medical assistance.</p>

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Southern Maine Health Care</u></p> <p><u>Biddeford:</u> 1 Medical Center Drive Phone: (207)-283-7000</p> <p><u>Sanford:</u> 25 June Street Phone: (207)-324-4310</p> <p>http://www.smhc.org/</p>	<p>Southern Maine Health Care offers a range of emergency services including SANE/SART examination services to help those who have experience sexual assault. What to expect from a SART/SANE exam.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of medical assistance.</p>
<p><u>Mercy Hospital</u></p> <p>144 State Street Portland, ME 04101 Phone: (207) 879-3000</p> <p>https://mercyhospital.org/</p>	<p>Southern Maine Health Care offers a range of emergency services including SANE/SART examination services to help those who have experience sexual assault. What to expect from a SART/SANE exam.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of medical assistance.</p>
<p><u>Spring Harbor Hospital</u></p> <p>123 Andover Road, Westbrook, Maine 04092 Phone: 1-(866)-857-6644</p> <p>http://www.springharbor.org/</p>	<p>Spring Harbor Hospital offers a range of emergency services including SANE/SART examination services to help those who have experience sexual assault. What to expect from a SART/SANE exam.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of medical assistance.</p>

Shelter and Housing Assistance Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Bread of Life Ministries (BOLM) Homeless Shelter</u></p> <p>155 Hospital Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Phone: 207-626-3479</p> <p><u>http://www.mainebreadoflife.org/bolms-services/homeless-shelter/</u></p>	<p>The Homeless Shelter offers a warm, welcoming, and safe facility to those needing shelter. The shelter offers 20 beds, and 10 overflow beds each night to help those who are homeless.</p> <p>Call ahead to ensure there is space available.</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>
<p><u>Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter</u></p> <p>Preble Street Portland, Maine 04101 Phone: (207)-775-0026</p> <p><u>http://www.preblestreet.org/what-we-do/teen-services/joe-kreisler-teen-shelter/</u></p>	<p>Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter ensures that homeless youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find a warm welcome 24 hours a day • Are in a safe place for the night • Have their basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene) met • Have quiet space to study or meet with staff • Can participate in informal social and recreational activities • Are connected to skilled staff and appropriate community resources <p>Clients Served: Teenagers between the ages of 12 and 20.</p>
<p><u>Tedford Housing Emergency Shelter</u></p> <p>PO Box 958 Brunswick, Maine 04011 Administrative Phone: (207)-729-1161 Adult Shelter Phone: 207-729-1161 (ext. #104) after 3:30pm on weekdays or any time on the weekends Family Shelter Phone: (207)-729-1161 (ext. #113)</p> <p><u>http://tedfordhousing.org/programs/emergency-shelters/</u></p>	<p>Tedford Housing provides emergency homeless shelter at two facilities in Brunswick, Maine. The adult shelter houses 16 adults (both male and female). The family shelter consists of six private apartments, each with its own bathroom and kitchen. Guests at both shelters work with a case manager to develop an individual plan to obtain permanent housing and other services. For more information regarding the shelters, <u>click here</u>.</p> <p>Clients Served: Two locations serving individual men and women over age 18 and one and families at the other.</p>

<p><u>Sunrise Place Women's House</u></p> <p>897 Brighton Avenue Portland, Maine 04102 Phone: (207)-773-9300</p> <p>http://www.sunriseplace.org/women-s-program.html</p>	<p>The Sunrise Place Women's House on River Road in South Windham located just outside of Westbrook is set in a quiet country setting very conducive to recovery and tranquility. The River Road Women's House houses 6 women with 4 single rooms and one double room. In this setting women will find the tranquility valuable as they process and plan their next steps in building their future without the distractions so readily available in the city just a few miles away.</p> <p>Clients Served: Women who are recovering from drug and alcohol abuse.</p>
<p><u>Bangor Area Homeless Shelter</u></p> <p>263 Main Street Bangor, Maine 04401 Phone: (207) 947-0092</p> <p>http://www.bangorareashelter.org/page/942/home</p>	<p>The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter serves homeless adults and very low income members of our community. Their primary purpose is to offer a form of crisis stabilization and then develop a support system to empower people to move beyond their current crisis and homelessness.</p> <p>Clients Served: This shelter offers emergency, short-term shelter to homeless people aged 18 and above.</p>

Legal Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</u></p> <p><u>Portland Office:</u> 88 Federal Street Portland ME 04112 Phone: (207) 774-8211</p> <p>For other locations click here.</p> <p>http://ptla.org/</p>	<p>Pine Tree Legal Assistance provides free legal help to residents of Maine with low incomes.</p> <p>Clients Served: Low-income individuals residing in Maine.</p>
<p><u>Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP)</u></p> <p>126 Sewall Street Augusta Maine 04330 Phone: (207)-626-7058</p> <p>http://www.mejp.org/</p>	<p>Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP) is a nonprofit legal aid provider, whose mission is to find solutions to poverty and improve the lives of people with low income in Maine.</p> <p>Services provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for fair public policies in the legislature and with governmental agencies; • Provide legal representation through impact litigation on systemic issues; and • Conduct outreach and training throughout the state on issues affecting people with low income and the supports that can help them prevent or move out of poverty. <p>Clients Served: Low-income individuals residing in Maine.</p>

Children, Youth, and Family Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Bread of Life Ministries Center for Life Skills</u></p> <p>157 Hospital Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Phone: (207) 626-3434</p> <p><u>http://www.mainebreadoflife.org/bolms-services/center-life-skills/</u></p>	<p>The programs offered at the Center for Life Skills are varied and change continuously based on the needs of our clients. While there are a few regular program offerings (budgeting, parenting, interviewing, etc.), most of the programs are offered by various local agencies and groups in the community and focus on their specific areas of expertise such as careers, health, financial, family, and education.</p> <p>This facility offers a playground for children to play while their parents attend meetings.</p> <p>Clients served: Those transitioning out of homelessness that are currently residing at the homeless shelter.</p>
<p><u>Preble Street Teen Center</u></p> <p>343 Cumberland Avenue Portland, Maine Phone: (207)-775-0026</p> <p><u>http://www.preblestreet.org/what-we-do/teen-services/teen-center/#sthash.QH7cWBmp.dpuf</u></p>	<p>The Teen Center empowers youth to make healthy choices and to plan healthy, hopeful futures through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street outreach to encourage youth to leave the streets and to be safe. • Basic shelter services that provide a safe alternative to the streets. • Transition back to their homes or another safe living situation, including residential care and independent living. • Casework services to help youth identify and achieve their goals for health care, employment, mental health and/or substance abuse counseling, legal assistance, housing, etc. <p>Clients Served: Teenagers in the Southern Maine area.</p>

<p><u>New Hope For Women- Crisis Counseling and Advocacy</u></p> <p>Contact information for multiple locations can be found here.</p> <p>http://www.newhopeforwomen.org/</p>	<p>New Hope advocates are available to provide private and confidential services to students or staff at schools who are in need of support around unhealthy or abusive relationships with friends, family members, or dating partners. Advocates are available by appointment at high, middle, or elementary schools.</p> <p>New Hope for women offers additional prevention strategies that can be found here.</p> <p>New Hope for Women serves Sagadahoc County, Lincoln County, Knox County, and Waldo County in Maine.</p> <p>Clients Served: Students or staff who are in need of support in response to unhealthy relationships.</p>
<p><u>Sweetser</u></p> <p>Multiple locations throughout Maine</p> <p>http://www.sweetser.org/</p>	<p>Sweetser is one of Maine’s most comprehensive mental health organizations for children, adults and families. Sweetser offers services that address emotional issues, major mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders and educational disabilities through an integrated network of care that responds to the unique strengths and needs of each child, adult and family that seeks our help.</p> <p>Working in more than 75 communities throughout Maine, Sweetser offers outpatient therapy and medication management services through a statewide network of affiliated clinicians, school-based practitioners and office-based practices.</p> <p>Includes multiple locations throughout Maine including Belfast, Brunswick, Lewiston and more.</p> <p>Clients Served: Families in need of mental health services.</p>
<p><u>Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP)</u></p> <p>97 Water St. Waterville, Maine 04901-6339 Phone: (207)-859-1500</p> <p>http://www.kvcap.org/</p>	<p>KVCAP offers a range of services for men, women, and children. These include home ownership, repair and weatherization services, heating assistance; transportation; and a teen center. We also support families through home visitation programs for parents, parenting classes, childcare and Head Start.</p> <p>Clients Served: Families residing in Southern Maine.</p>

Kids First

Redington-Fairview General

Hospital

46 Fairview Avenue

Skowhegan, Maine

Phone: 207-859-1580

http://www.kvcap.org/index.php?id=450&sub_id=776

Kids First is a one-day, four-hour workshop, designed to help parents address problems and promote reduction of the negative effects of divorce. The workshop will address:

- Children's needs as the marital and family roles change
- The effects of divorce on children and children's reaction to divorce
- Making decisions about parenting arrangements
- Dealing with conflict without involving children
- Helping children adjust to differences between households

All workshops are held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Check-in is 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Childcare is not available. This program is for adults only.

Clients Served: Parents of families that are experiencing divorce and have children.

LGBTQ/2 Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Out As I Want To Be</u></p> <p>328 Main St, Suite 305 Rockland, Maine Phone: 1-(800)-530-6997</p> <p>http://www.outmidcoast.org/</p>	<p>OUT As I Want To Be is a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to the support & empowerment of LGBTQ young people in midcoast Maine. It currently operates a drop-in center based in downtown Rockland, Maine. Drop-in is a safe space for youth under age 22 to explore and express their identities at any point in their journey, a place where they can find supportive peers and adult allies, confidential discussion groups, community-oriented projects and activities, and space to be themselves free of judgment.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals 22 or younger that identify as LGBT.</p>
<p><u>Outright Lewiston/Auburn</u></p> <p>79 Lisbon St Lewiston, Maine 04240 Phone: (207) 795-8956</p> <p>http://www.outrightla.org/</p>	<p>Outright Lewiston/Auburn creates safe and affirming environments for youth ages 14-21 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning. Outright offers drop in centers for teens as well as education outreach in the community.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals between 14 and 21 years of age who identify as LGBT.</p>
<p><u>PFLAG Portland</u></p> <p>PO Box 8742 Portland Maine 04104 Phone: (207)-831-3015</p> <p>http://www.pflagportlandmaine.org/</p>	<p>PFLAG Portland, Maine offers compassionate peer support to the parents, families and friends of, and including, LGBTQ individuals through group discussion, education, advocacy and creating connections to community resources.</p> <p>PFLAG Portland meets from 7-8:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month at the Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals who identify as LGBT and their families and friends.</p>

Physical and Mental Healthcare Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Knox Clinic</u></p> <p>22 White Street Rockland, Maine Phone: (207) 921-6996</p> <p>http://www.knoxclinic.org/</p>	<p>The Knox Clinic offers low cost medical, dental, prescription assistance, and mental health care to the uninsured and under-insured in Knox County and border towns of Waldoboro and Lincolnville. Care is provided by volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses, social workers and other personnel.</p> <p>Clients Served: Uninsured and Underinsured individuals in Southern Maine.</p>
<p><u>Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center</u></p> <p>63 Main Street Buxton, Maine 04093 Phone: (207)-929-6455</p> <p>http://www.leavittsmill.org/</p>	<p>Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center offers multiple health services to uninsured or underinsured individuals residing in Maine.</p> <p>Services Provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicals (check-ups) including preventive medicine • Healthy lifestyle counseling/education – (such as Diabetic Teaching, nutrition and exercise) • Well woman visits • Sick visits (illness or minor injuries) • Chronic illness management (such as Diabetes, Asthma, High Blood Pressure) • Help with life problems (such as weight problems, smoking cessation) • Dental Hygiene for existing clinic patients • Physical Therapy • Off-site eye exam referrals • Prescription assistance (non-narcotic medications) • Case management • Help with medications and supplies, or other medical services at low or no cost <p>Clients Served: Uninsured and underinsured residents of Maine.</p>

<p><u>Assistance Plus</u></p> <p><u>Benton Office:</u> 1604 Benton Ave Benton, Maine 04901 Phone: (207)-453-4708</p> <p><u>Wilton Office:</u> 844 US Rt 2, East Wilton, Maine 04294 Phone: (207)-645-7122</p> <p>http://www.assistanceplus.com/</p>	<p>Assistance Plus offers mental health services including individual and group counseling, community integration and life skills. These services are available with flexible payment plans.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those in need of mental health care.</p>
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Employment Assistance

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Bread of Life Ministries Center for Life Skills</u></p> <p>157 Hospital Street Augusta, Maine 04330 Phone: (207) 626-3434</p> <p><u>http://www.mainebreadoflife.org/bolms-services/center-life-skills/</u></p>	<p>The programs offered at the Center for Life Skills are varied and change continuously based on the needs of our clients. While there are a few regular program offerings (budgeting, parenting, interviewing, etc.), most of the programs are offered by various local agencies and groups in the community and focus on their specific areas of expertise such as careers, health, financial, family, and education.</p> <p>This facility offers a playground for children to play while their parents attend meetings.</p> <p>Clients served: Those transitioning out of homelessness that are currently residing at the homeless shelter.</p>
<p><u>CareerCenter of Maine</u></p> <p>55 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0055 Phone: 1-(888)-457-8883</p> <p><u>Click here to find the location of a CareerCenter near you.</u></p> <p><u>http://mainecareercenter.com/index.shtml</u></p>	<p>The CareerCenter offers services in both individual and group settings. Services provided by the CareerCenter include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized services • Re-Employment Services • Job Search Tools <p><u>The CareerCenter offers locations throughout Maine.</u></p> <p>Clients Served: All Individuals.</p>
<p><u>ASPIRE/TANF (DHHS)</u></p> <p>30 Skyway Drive, Unit 100 Caribou, Maine 04736 Phone: (207)-493-4000</p> <p><u>http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/</u></p>	<p>ASPIRE/TANF is a program that helps TANF recipients find employment that will pay enough to make it possible for them to get off welfare. In addition to ASPIRE/TANF the government offers <u>ASPIRE/JET</u> which is a program that helps Food Supplement recipients find employment.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those receiving TANF assistance from the government.</p>

Financial and Utilities Assistance

Organization	Services Provided
<p data-bbox="203 317 586 390"><u>Maine Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</u></p> <p data-bbox="203 443 508 558">353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (800)-452-4668</p> <p data-bbox="203 835 659 1024"><u>http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/energy/energydetails/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program</u></p>	<p data-bbox="690 317 1438 474">The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (commonly called LIHEAP or HEAP) provides money to low income homeowners and renters to help pay heating costs.</p> <p data-bbox="690 527 1406 642">Applications for LIHEAP are accepted from August 15th through April 30 of each year. <u>To apply contact the program agent that serves your area.</u></p> <p data-bbox="690 688 1443 762">Clients Served: Residents of the state of Maine in need of financial assistance for home energy costs.</p> <p data-bbox="690 814 1443 1178">Example of an Eligible Household: A family of 2 making \$23,895 annually or less. <u>Click here for more information regarding eligibility.</u> Additionally, a person who participates or has family members who participate in certain other benefit programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or certain needs-tested Veterans benefits may be automatically eligible.</p>
<p data-bbox="203 1266 636 1339"><u>Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</u></p> <p data-bbox="203 1388 505 1493">19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207) 624-4168</p> <p data-bbox="203 1619 659 1692"><u>http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1664</u></p>	<p data-bbox="690 1266 1411 1455">Maine TANF is financial assistance to keep children in their homes while the family is temporarily unable to support themselves. To apply <u>download an application.</u> To locate your local Bureau of Family Independence regional office and ask about TANF <u>click here.</u></p> <p data-bbox="690 1503 1435 1843">Clients Served: You must be a resident of Maine, either pregnant or responsible for a child under 19 years of age, a U.S. national, citizen, legal alien, or permanent resident, have low or very low income and be either under-employed (working for very low wages), unemployed or about to become unemployed or a child (ren) that is deprived of the care and support of a parent because of death, disability, continued absence or un/under-employment.</p>

<p><u>Maine Unemployment Assistance</u></p> <p>Maine Department of Labor 54 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: 1-(800)-593-7660</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/benefits.html</p>	<p>Unemployment insurance benefits provide temporary financial assistance to workers unemployed through no fault of their own that meet Maine's eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Clients Served: You must have worked in Maine during the past 12 to 18 months, and have earned at least a minimum amount of wages as determined by our guidelines. You must also be able to work and available for work each week that you are collecting benefits.</p>
<p><u>Tedford Housing- Warm Thy Neighbor</u></p> <p>PO Box 958 Brunswick Maine 04011 Phone: (207)-729-1161</p> <p>http://tedfordhousing.org/programs/heating-assistance/</p>	<p>Each winter, Tedford Housing raises funds to provide one-time, emergency heating assistance to extremely low-income families and individuals in the community.</p> <p>Clients Served: Those who are interested will need to make an appointment with Tedford personnel who will determine eligibility. You must be willing to offer proof of income (at least 3 paystubs). In order to qualify, you family income must be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. For additional information regarding the required documentation needed to qualify for this service click here.</p>
<p><u>Alternative Aid (DHHS)</u></p> <p>11 State House Station 19 Union Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207)-624-4168</p> <p>http://www.meip.org/content/alternative-aid-short-term-alternative-tanf</p>	<p>Alternative Aid helps families with children who are not on TANF resolve emergencies that prevent them from getting or keeping a job. For example, the program provides help with car repairs, childcare, uniforms, housing-related emergencies, or even dental work if those things are needed to help them get or keep a job. Aid is given in the form of a voucher and can equal up to three months' worth of TANF benefits (\$1,089 for a family of 2 or \$1,455 for a family of 3). You can apply for Alternative Aid once every twelve months. To apply contact the DHHS office closest to you.</p> <p>Clients Served: Individuals living in Maine who are in need of emergency financial assistance but are not on TANF.</p>

Violence Prevention and Intervention Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>New Hope For Women- Crisis Counseling and Advocacy</u></p> <p><u>Contact information for multiple locations can be found here.</u></p> <p><u>http://www.newhopeforwomen.org/school-based-domestic-violence-prevention</u></p>	<p>New Hope advocates are available to provide private and confidential services to students or staff at schools who are in need of support around unhealthy or abusive relationships with friends, family members, or dating partners. Advocates are available by appointment at high, middle, or elementary schools.</p> <p>New Hope for women offers additional prevention strategies that can be found <u>here.</u></p> <p>Clients Served: Students or staff who are in need of support in response to unhealthy relationships.</p>
<p><u>Family Violence Project- Menswork Program</u></p> <p>P.O. Box 304 Augusta Maine 04332-0304 Phone: (207) 620-8494</p> <p><u>http://www.familyviolenceproject.org/what-we-do/menswork/batterers-intervention.html</u></p>	<p>The Menswork program has a three-fold goal: to help stop domestic violence, to hold abusers accountable for their actions -- and to give abusers the tools and support they need to change.</p> <p>And because men who have verbally, mentally, financially or physically abused their partners are more likely to abuse their children as well, Menswork also addresses the connections between intimate partner abuse and child abuse.</p> <p>We hold our group education classes in Kennebec and Somerset Counties and participants are expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrain from any abusive activities during the 48-week program • Consistently attend the weekly two-hour classes • Actively participate in the program by volunteering information and life experiences, and completing an average of 15 minutes of homework per week. <p>There is an initial \$50 screening and intake fee for the Menswork program, and each weekly class costs \$35, to be paid at time of class meeting.</p> <p>Clients Served: Men who have engaged in abusive behavior against their significant other.</p>

<p><u>Time for Change</u></p> <p>93 Park Street Rockland, Maine 04841 Phone: (207)-594-0270</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/corrections / VictimServices/BatIntervent.htm</p>	<p>Time for Change in a program offered to men and women who have the victims been of or the perpetrators of domestic violence.</p> <p>Clients Served: Men and women who have been the victims or perpetrators of domestic violence.</p>
	<p>For additional information regarding domestic violence groups targeting men and women click here.</p>

Transportation Services

Organization	Services Provided
<p><u>Concord Coach Lines</u></p> <p>7 Langdon Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301 Phone: 1-(800)-639-3317</p> <p>http://www.concordcoachlines.com/</p>	<p>These buses provide daily service to and from Boston’s South Station and Logan Airport and 12 Maine communities, including Portland, Brunswick, Bangor, Orono and a number of coastal towns.</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>
<p><u>Freeport Transit Inc.</u></p> <p>Phone: (207)-865-9400</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=exploreme&id=69575&v=full</p>	<p>A private, for-profit corporation that provides public transportation services in Cumberland County. Freeport Transit provides door-to-door services utilizing agency vans for MaineCare eligible appointments. Freeport Transit operates Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Clients Served: All individuals.</p>
<p><u>METRO</u></p> <p>114 Valley Street Portland, ME 04102 Phone: (207) 774-0351</p> <p>http://gpmetrobus.net/</p>	<p>METRO is owned and operated by the Greater Portland Transit District, and provides public fixed route transportation in Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth Crossing and the Maine Mall area of South Portland. METRO operates seven days a week.</p> <p>Service Area Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth Crossing and the Maine Mall area of South Portland and the Portland Jetport.</p> <p>Clients Served: All Individuals.</p>