



# Preble Street's Anti-Trafficking Services

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# Anti-Trafficking Services: History

- Established in 2013, Preble Street and its partners have provided services to survivors of human trafficking.
- Anti-Trafficking Services serves individuals of all ages, gender identities, immigration statuses, and forms of trafficking – regardless of when the trafficking occurred.
- Our work is guided by a survivor-centered and empowerment-based model, rooted in trauma-informed care and harm reduction.

# Defining Human Trafficking

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**Sex Trafficking:** *The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of commercial sex acts in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.*

**Labor Trafficking:** *The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.*

## Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000

- Criminal prosecution/penalties of traffickers
- Immigration protections for foreign-born victims
- Civil remedies and victim benefits
- Legally defines severe forms of trafficking

Any compelled activity, whether for labor, services, and/or commercial sex, where **force, fraud, and/or coercive** methods are used for gain

or

Any **MINOR** involved in commercial sex

# AMP Model

## Action

- Recruits
- Harbors
- Transports
- Provides
- Obtains
- Solicits/patronizes
- Advertises

## Means

- **Force**
  - Physical or sexual violence
  - Confinement or kidnapping
  - Withholding/supplying
    - Food, water, medical care, substances
  - Forced abortions
- **Fraud**
  - False or misrepresented:
    - Job offers, wages, work conditions
    - Marriage, promises of love or better life
    - Positions of authority
  - Language or document manipulation
- **Coercion**
  - Psychological manipulation, intimidation, or threats of serious harm
    - Monitoring, surveillance
    - Reproductive coercion
    - Cultural / spiritual abuse
  - Confiscation of ID or other legal documents
  - Quota, debt or contracts

*Means not  
required for  
minors  
induced into  
commercial sex*

## Purpose

- Commercial Sex
- Forced labor / services
- Involuntary servitude
- Debt Bondage
- Peonage
- Slavery

# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

- The exploitation of a child by an adult, accompanied by a payment in money or an exchange of anything of value, to the child OR to one or more third parties.
- Anything of value can include a place to stay, food, substances, gift cards, clothing, and more.
- **23% of minors served by ATS had a confirmed substance use disorder**
- **50% of minors served by ATS reported using substances**



## Forced Criminality

A survivor's involvement in crime is often a direct result of the coercion they experience at the hands of their traffickers

### **Criminalization can take the form of:**

- Conviction of sex trafficking survivors
- Penalization of trafficked foreign nationals for violating immigration laws
- Arrest of individuals threatened with violence to produce/distribute drugs
  
- National Survivor Network survey **91%** of survivors had a criminal record as a result of being trafficked
  
- One study found **81%** of youth trafficked for labor reported instances of forced drug dealing
  
- **Maine's** incarceration rate is one of the highest in the country (272 per 100,000 people) meaning that our state locks up a higher percentage of its people than almost any democratic country on earth

# Preble Street Anti-Trafficking Services



- Since January 2023, Preble Street Anti-Trafficking Services served **188** survivors
  - **30%** labor trafficking
  - **37%** sex trafficking
  - **21%** both
  - **12%** undetermined.
- **Primary Industries:** commercial sex, forced criminality, agriculture, domestic servitude, solar farming,
- **Primary Pathways:** romantic, peer-to-peer, employer, drug dealer
- **33%** of participants had a confirmed **substance use disorder**
- **100%** of participants with SUD had this leveraged as a form of control
- **60%** experienced housing instability at intake
- **51%** of participants experienced both **substance use disorder & housing instability**

# Intensive Case Management Services

- Supports survivors of trafficking, regardless of age, gender identity, immigration status, type of trafficking, and when the trafficking occurred.
- Survivor-centered; rooted in harm reduction & trauma-informed care
- Intentional focus on safety planning
- Advocacy & coordination of resources
- Survivor leadership opportunities





# Trauma-Informed Casework Services: Minors & Youth

- Youth Voice & Choice: focus on self-determination
- Safety Planning: collaboration with the youth, family, and other supports
- Harm Reduction: talking with youth about how to reduce risk
- Positive Youth Development: Connection with community & cultivating joy
- Transparency: Mandated Reporting
- Education
- Employment & Youth Workers' Rights
- Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services
- Basic Needs
- Recreation
- Shelter
- Housing
- Immigration

## **Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing**

- Addresses immediate housing instability
- Short-term (2-6 months)
- Located in Cumberland County
- Supportive Services: Case management & housing stability
- Fleeing / attempting to flee human trafficking

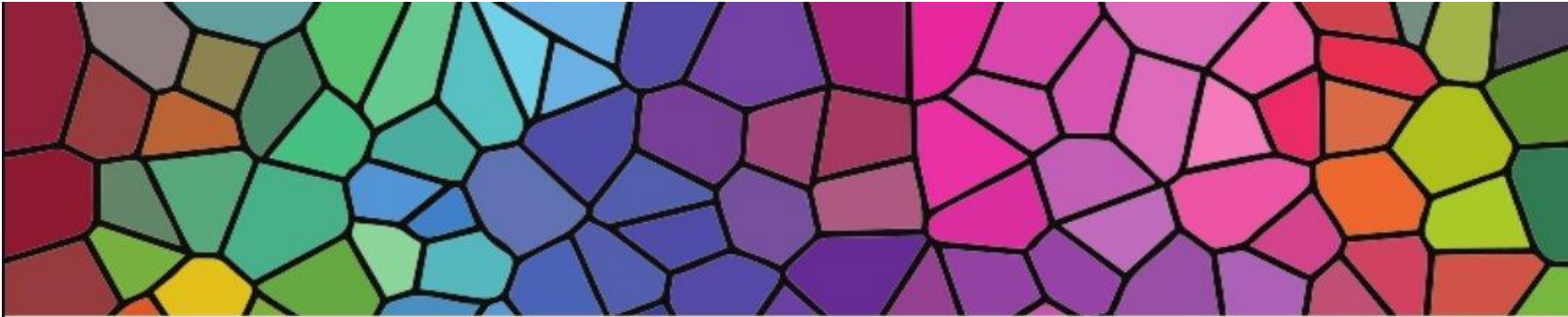
- Housing-first focused case management
- Rental assistance & supportive services offered for up to two years
- York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, and Sagadahoc Counties
- Fleeing / attempting to flee human trafficking

## Labor Trafficking and Exploitation Services Project (LTEIS)

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- The LTEIS Project, is a collaborative effort between Preble Street, ILAP, Pine Tree Legal, and Maine Mobile Health Program.
- Outreach services to potential victims of labor trafficking and/or exploitation, focusing on **agriculture, seafood processing, and forced criminality.**
- Strengthening infrastructure to address labor trafficking / exploitation





## Healing Center Drop-In Hours

For people with experiences with **violent or exploitive** employers, landlords, or relationships

Para personas con experiencias de empleadores, propietarios o relaciones violentas o explotadoras

Pour les personnes qui ont des employeurs, des propriétaires ou des relations violents ou abusifs

**Tuesdays, 12PM - 3PM**

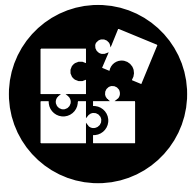
55 Portland St.

207-956-6552 (Phone) 📞

207-415-8554 (Text or WhatsApp) 📱



# How do I refer to ATS?



## Anti-Trafficking Services

**Office:** 207-956-6552

**Text / WhatsApp:** 207-415-8554 / 207-523-9123

**Email:** [ATSmanagement@preblestreet.org](mailto:ATSmanagement@preblestreet.org)

**Healing Center:** 55 Portland Street, Portland

**Website:** [preblestreet.org/anti-trafficking-services](http://preblestreet.org/anti-trafficking-services)



**National Human  
Trafficking Hotline:**

1-888-373-7888

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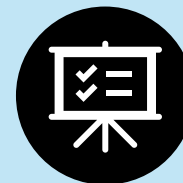


## Connect with us!

Develop organization-specific Assessment Tools and protocols

Schedule recurring trainings/refreshers for new staff

Request specialized trainings



**Thank you!**

**Worker  
Rights  
are  
Human  
Rights!**