



# the Sex Workers Project

## Backpages and the Sex Workers Project

The Sex Workers Project provides client-centered legal and social services to individuals who engage in sex work, regardless of whether they do so by choice, circumstance, or coercion. One of the first programs in the nation to assist survivors of human trafficking, the Sex Workers Project has pioneered an approach to service grounded in human rights, harm reduction and in the real life experiences of our clients. Our professional service providers are multi-lingual, non-judgmental and bring more than ten years of experience. As the only US organization meeting the needs of both sex workers and trafficking victims, the Sex Workers Project serves a marginalized community that few others reach. We engage in policy and media advocacy, community education and human rights documentation, working to create a world that is safe for sex workers and where human trafficking does not exist.

## Adult Backpage needs your help

[New York State Bill S1379/A2305](#)

This bill will stop police and prosecutors from using possession of condoms as evidence that people are engaging or intending to engage in prostitution. SWP supports this bill.

[A Call to Change US Policy on Sex Work & HIV](#)

Sex workers and advocates are calling on the US to change its policy with respect to sex work and HIV. SWP supports this call.

#### [UN Universal Periodic Review of US Human Rights](#)

In its Universal Periodic Review, the UN Human Rights Council made more than 200 recommendations to the United States. Recommendation 86 called on the Obama Administration to “...ensure access to public services paying attention to the special vulnerability of sexual workers to violence and human rights abuses. SWP supports this recommendation.