

Human Trafficking Resources for Stanislaus/San Joaquin County:

Human Trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. According to the Attorney General's office, it is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry, and the average age of a trafficked victim is only 12-14 years old.

Several organizations are committed to helping rescued survivors obtain mental health services, job training, and skills necessary to create and maintain a safe life. To save the life of just one girl can cause a ripple effect strong enough to reach across generations.

Here are some organizations you can reach out to if you would like to fight this emerging issue or if you have fallen victim to this horrible crime yourself.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center (Hotline):

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

Call 1-888-3737-888 to report a tip and to connect with anti-trafficking services in your area, or to request training, technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. You can also text "INFO" or "HELP" to BeFree (233733).

Without Permission

Without Permission is a non-profit organization based in Modesto, California which aims to expose the terrible reality of human trafficking. The organization supports victims and loved ones of victims through survivor support movements and prevention education, and offers local volunteer training for the community.

Without Permission provides various programs such as **Bags of Compassion**. These backpacks are filled with personal care items such as shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, hair bands, make-up, and stuffed animals that first responders can give to victims they encounter. People are encouraged to donate such items so supplies remain sufficient.

In the fight to keep the Central Valley and its children out of sex trafficking, Without Permission also provides **Prevention Education** training groups.

If you would like to volunteer, fill out this [online application form](#) and attend an orientation training offered on the organization's [online calendar](#).

You can also contact the office at 209-338-0500 for more information.

Haven of Peace Women's Shelter:

Haven of Peace Women's Shelter has offered support services and programs designed to help women become self-sufficient since 1959. Women who are victims of human trafficking come to Haven of Peace Shelter from all various circumstances and backgrounds. House of Peace Women's Shelter serves women who are 18 years of age or older as well as girls of all ages and boys up to eight years old (due to their dormitory setting).

Efforts include a **Mommy & Me Book Bag Program** where volunteers can read to children enrolled at the center; **Resume Writing & Job Preparation Program** where volunteers can help residents with resumes, job applications, and computer skills; **Bible Study & Devotionals** that churches of any denomination in the area can host for residents; and a **Resident Case Management Program** where students can apply for an internship under case managers who help clients with handling financial burdens and housing.

To volunteer, contact the Haven of Peace Women's shelter at 209 982-0396 or visit their location at 7070 S. Harlan Rd, French Camp, CA 95231.

DeafSAFE:

DeafSAFE is an organization that serves deaf and hard of hearing individuals who are affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. DeafSAFE supports all wronged by human trafficking from victims to friends and family members supporting another person.

DeafSAFE offers **Peer Counseling** programs for victims to meet with mentors; **Hospital/Medical Advocacy** to assist victims in hospital or medical office visits; **Legal Advocacy** to aid victims in filing restraining orders, making police reports, or going to court; **Communication Access** to provide victims with qualified interpreters to communicate effectively with medical staff, police, and in court; **Survivor Advocacy** to give victims tools to support their safety and independence;

and **Team Support Services** to help victims work in a team with police, hospital workers, social workers, therapists, and legal providers.

DeafSAFE also offers general assistance in giving resources for outside employment opportunities, education, housing, health care, compensation, immigration, and SSI.

Contact them at 209-451-9079, or stop in at their Modesto location: 1209 Woodrow Avenue Suite A3.

Related Legislation:

- [AB 1585](#) - After completing a term of probation, defendants convicted of solicitation or prostitution may petition the court to set aside the conviction if defendant was a victim of human trafficking. *Olsen is the co-author of the bill by Assemblymember Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville).*
- [SB 978](#) - Allows hospitals to notify local rape victim counseling centers under the victim's consent after their medical or evidentiary physical examination. *Olsen is the co-author of this bill by Senator Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord).*
- [AB 1791](#) – Expands the crime of human trafficking to include people who recruit, harbor, transport, provide, sell, purchase or obtain a minor to engage in a commercial sex act. *Olsen is the co-author of this bill by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein (R-San Diego).*

[Click here](#) to read an op-ed on Human Trafficking written by Assemblymember Olsen posted in the Modesto Bee on January 14, 2014.