



Safe Place Fact Sheet

What is Safe Place?

Safe Place is a youth outreach program that connects businesses and volunteers to provide immediate help and safety to youth facing abuse, neglect, bullying, serious family struggles, homelessness and more. The goal of Safe Place is to offer immediate help to any youth in crisis. As youth enter a designated Safe Place location and ask for help, trained volunteers connect them to appropriate assistance.

Safe Place in Fresno

In partnership with National Safe Place Network, Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services has operated the Safe Place program locally for over 20 years. In Fresno, Safe Place consists of a network of 308 Safe Place sites at school campuses, businesses, community buildings, and transit system – such as Fresno Unified School District schools, city parks, community centers, Wal-Mart, Boys and Girls Club, convenience stores, and Fresno Area Express (FAX) and Clovis Transit Stageline buses – all of whom display black and yellow Safe Place signs. Youth are then transported to the Fresno EOC Sanctuary Youth Shelter.

About Fresno EOC Sanctuary Youth Shelter

Fresno EOC Sanctuary Youth Shelter is located in downtown Fresno targeting homeless, runaway and displaced youth who are often the most “in need” of immediate intervention due to their high vulnerability and risk factors. Many youth have turned to a life on the streets due to their home being abusive, violent, or otherwise dysfunctional. The intent of the Sanctuary’s efforts is to reduce factors that promote homelessness among youth and provide them with a Safe Place through our Sanctuary Youth Shelter. Sanctuary Youth Shelter is open 24 hours/7 days for ages 12 to 17 years (18 if enrolled in school). Call 1-800-820-4968 (YOU).

National Safe Place Network

“We Stand Together to help all Youth in Need” Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services is part of a national network of 138 licensed Safe Place agencies in 37 states. **Youth in crisis can text the word "safe" and current location (address/city/state) to 69866 and be connected to closest Safe Place for help. To learn more about the National Safe Place Network visit www.nspnetwork.org.**

- In 2018, Sanctuary Youth Shelter and Sanctuary Transitional Shelter served **367 youth with nowhere else to go**, providing them a safe place during crisis and instability.
- Based on reports from districts to Fresno County Office of Education Student Services, in 2017-18 school year, there were **4,848 homeless children and youth enrolled** in Fresno County Schools. Eighty-five percent of these Fresno County students are living doubled-up with friends or relatives due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or other similar reason.
- Each year Fresno Police Department reported approximately **350 cases of runaway or missing persons** per month.
- Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services program **operates the only emergency shelter** serving non-system runaway and homeless youth in a 15,000 square mile radius, spanning six counties in Central California.

Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services

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Follow Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services on Facebook for info and event details. Please like and share on your personal social media pages.



Safe Place Week Events

National Safe Place Week is March 17-23, 2019

Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services in partnership with National Safe Place Network, will host several community events (during the designated week) to recognize local businesses, community organizations, youth service agencies, and volunteers that are part of the Safe Place program and work for the safety and well-being of at-risk youth.

March 18-24 - Casa de Tamales Fundraiser

609 E. Olive, Fresno

Casa de Tamales customers will be able to use a newly developed app to order a special tamale plate dinner special. Proceeds go to Sanctuary programs.

Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

You Matter Day at Chukchansi Park

1800 Tulare St, Fresno, CA 93721

Youth will participate in a service project and participate in a fun-filled day of music, food, and hands on activities to make a difference in the community. Sanctuary & Youth Services will have a resource table at the event to increase awareness among youth participants.

Monday, March 11 @ 6:00 PM

City of Clovis Proclamation

Clovis City Council Chamber, 1033 5th St., Clovis

Tuesday, March 12 @ 8:30 AM

County of Fresno Proclamation

Fresno County Chamber, 2281 Tulare St, #301, Fresno

Thursday, March 14 @ 9:00 AM

City of Fresno Proclamation

Fresno City Council Chamber, 2600 Fresno St., Fresno

Tuesday, March 19, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Jack Urban Eats Fundraiser

718 W. Shaw Ave in Fig Garden Village

Dine and donate in support of the EOC Sanctuary and Support Services fundraiser with Jack Urban Eats.

Bring a copy of the flyer or a picture on your phone of the flyer and 20% of sales from 4-8pm will benefit the Sanctuary programs.

Wednesday, March 20 from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Safe Place Orientation

Sanctuary and Support Services, 2336 Calaveras St. Attend a Safe Place Site Orientation to learn how your business or organization can become a designated Safe Place for any youth in crisis and in need of immediate help. Topics covered include: requirements in becoming a Safe Place, understanding the level of commitment as a partner, learning the site procedures, and learning how the Safe Place program works.

Friday, March 22 from 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

Announcement of Food Express Bus Art Contest Winners and Dedication as Mobile Safe Place

Nielsen Conference Center, 3110 W Nielsen Ave, Youth winners of the Food Express Bus Art Contest will be announced at a press conference. The chosen artwork will appear on the outside of the bus displaying a super hero-theme around nutrition. The Food Express Bus will be dedicated as a mobile Safe Place, and a tour of the inside of the bus will immediately follow the dedication.

Friday, March 22 from 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Safe Place Partner Recognition Breakfast

Nielsen Conference Center, 3110 W Nielsen Ave, This annual event will provide partners only with program information related to outcomes and achievements. The event will honor partners who represent exemplary community partnerships.

Donate Today!

Visit www.FresnoEOC.org/Sanctuary to donate online

All donations to Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law. Tax ID# 94-1606519.