



# YWCA IS ON A MISSION

Center for Safety and Empowerment – Human Trafficking Day Center

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# Who We Are

The YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, formerly the Battered Women Task Force, provides **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking in **Shawnee, Jackson, Wabaunsee and Brown** Counties in Kansas.



# What We Do



- **Services include:**
  - **24-Hour Hotline**
  - **Accessible Safe Shelters**
  - **Court Advocacy**
  - **Medical Advocacy**
  - **Crisis and Individual Counseling**
  - **Support Groups**
  - **Safety Planning**
  - **Case Management and Basic Needs Provision**
  - **Day Center**
  - **Public Education and Training**

# A CLOSER LOOK AT 2021



2,532

SERVICES PROVIDED  
TO 87 SURVIVORS OF  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING



472

NIGHTS OF SHELTER PROVIDED  
TO 27 SURVIVORS OF HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING



97

HUMAN TRAFFICKING-RELATED  
CALLS PLACED TO OUR 24/7  
HOTLINE



# RISK FACTORS

## SOCIETY

Stereotypes  
Materialistic Culture  
Phobias  
Laws and Policies  
Sexualizing Youth  
Migratory Status  
Social Norms  
Inequality  
Media

## COMMUNITY

Poverty  
Street Culture  
Lack of Social Supports  
High Level of Transience  
Limited Employment Opportunities  
High Levels of Incarceration  
High Levels of Family Disruption  
Gangs  
System Involved

## RELATIONAL

History of Trauma  
Mental Illness  
Low IQ  
Low Self-Esteem  
Personal Substance Abuse

Low Emotional Attachment to Caregivers  
Separated/Divorced Parents  
Dating Violence  
Incarcerated/Deceased Family Member  
Low Parental Involvement  
Family Substance Use/Abuse  
Bullying  
Peers in "the life"  
Domestic Violence in the Home

## INDIVIDUAL

# RECRUITMENT METHODS



ANYONE CAN BE  
VULNERABLE.

## COMMON RECRUITMENT TACTICS INCLUDE:



PROMISES OF  
ROMANCE, LOVE,  
ACCEPTANCE



MEETING THE NEED  
FOR FOOD, CLOTHING,  
SHELTER



OFFERS OF  
INDEPENDENCE,  
LUXURY ITEMS, CASH



FLATTERY, LIES,  
MANIPULATION



EXPLOITING POSITION  
OF AUTHORITY



EXPLOITING  
VULNERABILITIES



**YWCA CENTER FOR SAFETY  
AND EMPOWERMENT**

# **DAY CENTER**

**Hours of operation:**

Mondays 8:00 AM - noon

Wednesdays noon - 5:00 PM

Fridays noon - 5:00 PM



**VISIT US AT 1309 SW HUNTOON**

Access to: rest, shower, laundry, food,  
advocates on site, internet, locker use, for  
victim/survivors of domestic violence,  
sexual violence and human trafficking

Four stylized human figures are arranged vertically on the left side of the image. Each figure is inside a circular frame. The first figure (top) is a man with a brown tag featuring a dollar sign. The second figure is a woman with a dark blue tag featuring a house icon. The third figure is a woman with a dark blue tag featuring a heart icon. The fourth figure (bottom) is a woman with a light blue tag featuring a plate and fork icon.

# WHAT IS *STREET TAX*?

"IT'S ALL JUST A STREET TAX. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE POWERFUL ON THE STREETS, WHO CAN DEMAND CERTAIN THINGS OF YOU, THE LESS POWERFUL. SOMETIMES SEX IS SIMPLY THE COST OF BEING ON THE STREETS."

-- SURVIVOR



# Classroom



# Laundry



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE WHO WANT  
TO HELP TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIFE?

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DON'T JUDGE 'EM. WE DO WHAT  
WE HAVE TO DO TO SURVIVE.

- *SURVIVOR*






# Loft





Five vertical bars of varying heights and colors (dark blue, light blue, white, dark blue, light blue) are positioned on the left side of the image.

## WHAT WAS THE HOPE YOU HUNG ONTO AS YOU TRAVELED YOUR JOURNEY?

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THE SEED THAT WAS PLANTED IN MY  
MIND FOR HOPE WAS THE DAY THAT A  
DUDE TOOK A GUN TO MY HEAD, AND IT  
CLICKED, BUT IT DID NOT GO OFF. THAT  
CLICK KEPT PLAYING OVER AND OVER IN  
MY HEAD, AND IT KEPT REIGNITING HOPE  
FOR ME THAT I COULD GET OUT.

-- SURVIVOR

# Kitchen





"WE ARE NOT TRYING TO GET IN OR OUT OF  
WHAT YOU CALL HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE ARE  
TRYING TO GET OUT OF SUFFERING. SOMETIMES,  
WE WERE TRYING TO GET OUT OF SUFFERING  
WHEN WE GOT PULLED IN."

*S U R V I V O R*

# Bathroom





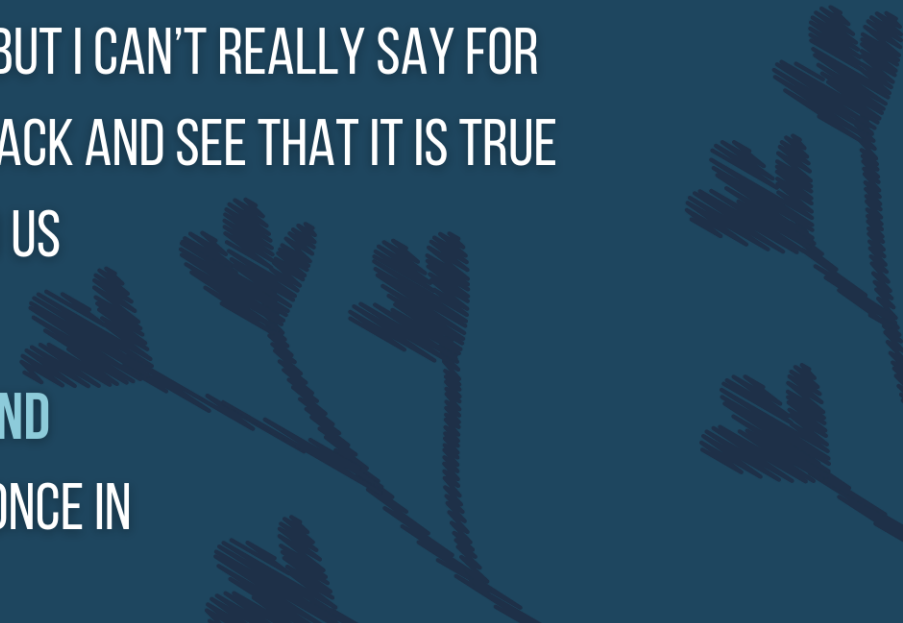
# Resting Space



# Fostering Healing One Step at a Time



THE HELP WAS ALWAYS THERE. YOU GUYS JUST ALWAYS HELPED. IT WAS UP TO ME TO MAKE IT. I HAD TO BE MORE FOR ME, REALLY DO IT AND NOT JUST THINK ABOUT IT. LIKE TO GET OUT OF THAT LIFE, IT TOOK ME OVER 3 YEARS. BUT YOU CAN, YOU KNOW. YOU HAVE TO GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE. THAT IS WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO DO, HELP US AS WOMEN WHO ARE EMOTIONAL AND VULNERABLE AND GET INTO THAT TRAP. **TO REALIZE IT CAN GET REAL SCARY OUT THERE AND BAD, BUT YOU CAN SUCCEED AND GET OUT OF IT. YOU CAN. YOU HAVE TO GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE, AND THAT IS WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE HELPED US TO SEE.** THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE, BUT I CAN'T REALLY SAY FOR ANYBODY ELSE. I HAVE TO LOOK BACK AND SEE THAT IT IS TRUE BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAVE HELPED US AND HELPED ME A LOT. **IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO JUST BREATHE AND HAVE A CHANCE.** YA' KNOW, FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE.

A stylized, dark blue illustration of a plant with several heart-shaped leaves and small, rounded flower buds, positioned in the lower right corner of the image.





## **CALL**

1-888-822-2983

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## **TEXT**

YWCANEKS to 847-411

- Available Mondays and Fridays from 1:00-5:00 PM



## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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## **WEBSITE**

[www.ywcaneks.org](http://www.ywcaneks.org)

**24/7 | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL**

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# QUESTIONS?

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