



Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Sanctuary and Youth Services



November is National Runaway Prevention Month

Raising awareness of runaway and homeless youth

Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services is partnering with National Runaway Safeline to host several events during the month of November to “Shine a Light” on issues runaway and homeless youth in crisis face every day and the resources available to support youth.

**35 missing persons/runaway
youth cases in Fresno per month.**

Data from Fresno Police Department



About Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services

Sanctuary and Youth Services provides a variety of programs to meet the needs of youth and families.

Services include:

Sanctuary Youth Shelter, providing temporary emergency shelter and crisis intervention services to runaway and homeless youth.

Sanctuary Transitional Shelter, providing overnight shelter and supportive services to homeless youth.

Sanctuary Outreach to the Streets, provides street-based outreach services.

Drop-In Center for youth that operates 6 days a week and administers over 300 **Safe Place** sites throughout Fresno County.

Housing Programs for homeless adults and families.

Central Valley Against Human Trafficking, a regional project to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking

Sanctuary Youth Shelter
(800) 820-4968
www.FresnoEOC.org/sanctuary



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Thursday, November 1

Youth ArtHop Event

5:00 – 8:00 PM at Heartbeat Boxing (155 Van Ness Ave., Fresno)

This Youth ArtHop event will kick off November as National Runaway Prevention Month. The youth art will be available for purchase. Since 2010, Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services has contracted with the Fresno Art Museum to provide positive youth development through a visual art education program. A selection of youth artwork was published in a 2018 calendar to create public awareness about youth homelessness.

Thursday, November 1 • Green Light Project

The Green Light Project is the cornerstone of National Runaway Prevention Month. Throughout November, Sanctuary Youth Shelter, Sanctuary Drop-In Center & Sanctuary Transitional Shelter will display green lights in support of providing a safe place to run away and homeless youth. The Green Light Project is a public awareness campaign for National Runaway Prevention Month spearheaded by National Runaway Safeline.

Wednesday, November 7 • Safe Place Orientation

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Sanctuary and Youth Services (2336 Calaveras, Fresno)
Learn how your business or organization can become a designated Safe Place location by attending an orientation. 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.

Thursday, November 15 • National Runaway Prevention Month Proclamation with City of Fresno

9:00 a.m. at Fresno City Council Chamber (2600 Fresno Street, Fresno)
Proclaiming November as National Runaway Prevention Month in City of Fresno. Please join us at Fresno City Hall in the council chamber for the proclamation ceremony.

Friday, November 16 • Inaugural Central Valley Affiliate of the California of School Psychologists

5:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Invitation Only) School Psychology Awareness Week Fundraiser
The Board for the Central Valley Affiliate of the California Association of School Psychologists (CVA-CASP) is sponsoring a fundraiser dinner at Pardini's in November to raise funds for a School Psychology Student Scholarship Fund and for Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services.

Friday, November 30 • Safe Place Site Designation with Nemesis Sports Academy

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Nemesis (221 N Minnewawa Avenue, Clovis)
Come join us as we designate Fresno County's newest Safe Place site located in the City of Clovis, Nemesis, a sports academy. Nemesis offers youth development programs, sports specific training, fitness classes for members for all ages, and competition teams. Event highlights will include: welcome presentation, ribbon cutting ceremony, open house and refreshments.

Get involved with National Runaway Prevention Month!

Wednesday, November 1st

Facebook Profile Picture –

Add the National Runaway Prevention Month filter to your profile picture to show support and spread awareness. Follow “National Runaway Safeline” on Facebook for updates.

Wednesday, November 6th

‘Wear Green’ Day – Coordinate a ‘wear green’ day with your friends, coworkers, students, and/or classmates. Take a photo of your group wearing green and post it to social media with the hashtag #NRPM2018.

Friday, November 23rd

Selfie Sign Day – Download a selfie sign at www.1800Runaway.org and share your selfie using the caption, “This is how I have helped a friend...” to share your story.



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Sanctuary and Youth Services

Safe Place Program

**We Stand
Together to help
all youth in need!**



**Safe Place Dedication
Nemesis Sports Academy**



Join us for our Safe Place Dedication Ceremony
Friday, November 30, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

221 Minnewawa Avenue, Clovis, CA 93612

Refreshments served following the dedication ceremony.

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