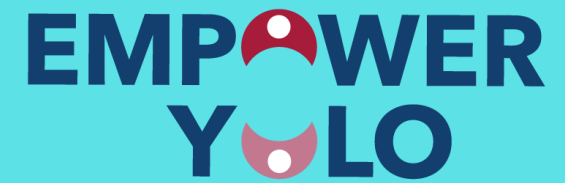




# JANUARY 2022

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

### EMPOWER YOLO MONTH OF ACTION



Promoting Safe, Healthy & Resilient Communities

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<p>Thank you to our sponsor Bayer Crop Science for supporting Human Trafficking Awareness Month.</p>		<p>Join Empower Yolo for a month-long donation drive for human trafficking survivors. For more info visit: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</p>	<p>Thank you to Soroptimist International-Davis &amp; Woodland for comfort backpacks for human trafficking survivors.</p>	<p>Support Starbucks at 1649 Research Park Drive, Davis for its month-long donation drive for human trafficking survivors.</p>	<p>Follow Empower Yolo this month at: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>; Facebook @empoweryolo; Instagram &amp; Twitter @empower_yolo.</p>	<p>1 Human trafficking is a crime that involves exploiting a person for labor, services or commercial sex: <a href="https://www.justice.gov/humantrafficking">https://www.justice.gov/humantrafficking</a>.</p>
<p>2 See Empower Yolo's article on human trafficking in the Davis Enterprise at: <a href="https://www.davisenterprise.com/features/empower-yolo-january-is-human-trafficking-awareness-month-2/">https://www.davisenterprise.com/features/empower-yolo-january-is-human-trafficking-awareness-month-2/</a></p>	<p>3 Help us reach more victims. Make a donation to Empower Yolo's human trafficking program any time at: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</p>	<p>4 Read the Presidential Proclamation on Human Trafficking Prevention at: <a href="https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/28/presidential-proclamation-national-slavery-and-human-trafficking">https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/28/presidential-proclamation-national-slavery-and-human-trafficking</a>.</p>	<p>5 While the movement of sex trafficking has brought large awareness to female victims of trafficking, males have largely been overlooked. Learn more; see the BOYS film screening on 1/6.</p>	<p>6 <b>BOYS documentary free online film screening @ 6p.m.</b> <b>For more info and to pre-register visit: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</b></p>	<p>7 Know the facts about human trafficking at: <a href="https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/facts">https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/facts</a>.</p>	<p>8 Human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit. In some cases, traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into selling sex. see <a href="http://polarisproject.org">polarisproject.org</a>.</p>
<p>9 Donate gift cards for food, coffee or gas for human trafficking survivors. For more info visit: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</p>	<p>10 Empower Yolo has advocates on call to respond to human trafficking investigations and offer support to victims.</p>	<p>11 Wear blue day to support human trafficking survivors - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. #wearblueday. <a href="https://polarisproject.org/resources/sexual-exploitation-during-the-pandemic/">https://polarisproject.org/resources/sexual-exploitation-during-the-pandemic/</a>.</p>	<p>12 Trafficking is proving to be pandemic-proof. Human traffickers are adapting to changing circumstances and shifting to online sexual exploitation during the pandemic. <a href="https://polarisproject.org/resources/sexual-exploitation-during-the-pandemic/">https://polarisproject.org/resources/sexual-exploitation-during-the-pandemic/</a>.</p>	<p>13 Compared to non-online sex trafficking situations, online situations involved more minors (55% vs. 24%) and more males (15% vs. 7%). <a href="https://polarisproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Sexual-Exploitation-During-the-Pandemic.pdf">https://polarisproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Sexual-Exploitation-During-the-Pandemic.pdf</a>.</p>	<p>14 Empower Yolo has a designated human trafficking advocate to help provide support and resources to survivors.</p>	<p>15 Empower Yolo advocates work with a special investigator from the Yolo DA's office to help support survivors during human trafficking investigations.</p>
<p>16 Drop by Starbucks at 1649 Research Park Drive, Davis and support its month-long donation drive for human trafficking survivors.</p>	<p>17 The victims of human trafficking are often young girls and women; State of CA Dept. of Justice website.</p>	<p>18 Child sex trafficking is a form of child abuse that occurs when a child under 18 is advertised, solicited or exploited through a commercial sex act. <a href="https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking">https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking</a>.</p>	<p>19 Support businesses that support human trafficking prevention: -Bayer -Starbucks, Research Park Drive, Davis</p>	<p>20 Empower Yolo provides services for human trafficking survivors including safe shelter.</p>	<p>21 Empower Yolo's services for human trafficking survivors also include therapy, legal services, housing advocacy, food, clothing, and toiletry items.</p>	<p>22 Call Empower Yolo's 24-hour hotline if you need support at 530-662-1133.</p>
<p>23 Donate snacks for survivors. For more info visit: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Yolo County is not immune to human trafficking. Commercial sex trafficking is a nomadic enterprise. Yolo County has two major freeways, I-5 and I-80 that traffickers use to go between commercial sex "hot spots" like Sacramento and the Bay Area.</p>	<p>26 While any child can be targeted by a trafficker, research shows traffickers often target youth who lack strong support networks, have experienced violence in the past, or are experiencing homelessness. <a href="https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking#bythenumbers">https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking#bythenumbers</a>.</p>	<p>27 We need to educate our youths to protect them from vulnerabilities. Teenagers in Yolo County have been and will continue to be targets of traffickers. <a href="https://empoweryolo.org/human-trafficking-awareness-month-2022/">https://empoweryolo.org/human-trafficking-awareness-month-2022/</a>.</p>	<p>28 Support human trafficking survivors. Make a donation to Empower Yolo's human trafficking program any time at: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</p>	<p>29 <b>SURVIVORS EMPOWER</b> </p>
<p>30 Donate sweats or towels for comfort backpacks for survivors. For more info visit: <a href="http://empoweryolo.org">empoweryolo.org</a>.</p>	<p>31 All services at Empower Yolo are free, safe and confidential.</p>					