## **Local Contact Information**

Avenal Community Counseling Center

(559) 386-2295

Central CA Legal Services - FRESNO OFFICE

(559) 570-1200

❖ Central CA Legal Services - VISALIA OFFICE

(559) 733-8770 or 800) 350-3654

Corcoran Community Counseling Center

(559) 992-2833

Hanford Outpatient Adult and Children Services

(559) 582-4481

Hanford Police Department

(559) 585-2540

Kings Community Action Organization

24 Hour Crisis Line – 1-877-727-3225 or (559) 585-1018

Kings County Behavioral Health

(559) 852-2444

Kings County District Attorney's Office; Sexual Assault / Domestic

Violence/ VAWA Unit (559) 852-2350 or (559) 309-4096

Kings County Sheriff's Office

(559) 584-1431

Kings County Victim-Witness Center

(559)852-2640

Kings View Crisis Services

(559) 582-4484, (559) 582-4481, or 1-800-655-2553

# Resource Guide: 10-steps to taking back your life

Understanding where to turn if you or someone you know is sexually assaulted.



Police Services National Services

### What should I do if I am sexually assaulted?

**1)** If the perpetrator is still in the area and it is safe to do so, get away immediately.

**2)** If you cannot escape but it is safe to call 911 do so immediately.

**3)** If the perpetrator is no longer present but you are injured and in need of medical attention, call 911 immediately. Even if you see no visible injuries it is still recommended you seek medical attention because you may be at risk for pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.

#### **Avenal Police Department**

317 Alpine St, Avenal, CA 93204 (559) 386-4444

#### **Corcoran Police Department**

832 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212 (559) 992-2151

#### **Hanford Police Department**

425 N Irwin St, Hanford, CA, US, 93230 (559) 585-2540

#### **Kings County Sheriff's Office**

1444 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 584-1431

#### **Kings County District Attorney's Office**

1400 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, CA 93230 (559)852-2969

10) Even if you are using all of these resources discussed, do not hesitate to rely on national resources as well that can help supplement your local resources. The Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) provides anonymous and confidential counseling and care over the phone as well as via the internet (https://ohl.rainn.org/online/). You can also use the website to find a directory to local services and resources, many of those covered in this guide. All of these services are completely free.

#### Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network

National Sexual Assault Hotline - 1.800.656.HOPE http://www.rainn.org/

#### **Tulare County Family Services**

Sexual Assault Hotline – (559) 732-7273 or (559) 784-7273

#### **Fresno County Rape Counseling Services**

(559) 222-RAPE or (559) 497-2900

9) One of the most important steps you can take after a sexual assault is seeking counseling to help you cope with the trauma you may be experiencing. It is important to speak with a trained counselor so that you can get better in time. These services can also be utilized for your children and family members that may need counseling after the assault too. For crisis services please call (559) 582-4484, (559) 582-4481, or 1-877-727-3225.

#### **Avenal Community Counseling Center**

228 E. Kings Street, Suite F Avenal, CA 93204 (559) 386-2295

#### **Corcoran Community Counseling Center**

1021 Van Dorsten Corcoran, CA 93212 (559) 992-2833

#### **Hanford Outpatient Adult and Children Services**

1393 Bailey Drive Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 582-4481

#### **Kings Community Action Organization**

1130 N. 11th Ave., Hanford, CA 93230 24 Hour Crisis Line – 1-877-727-3225 or (559) 585-1018

#### **Kings County Behavioral Health**

450 Kings County Dr. Suite 104 Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 852-2444

**4)** A health care professional can perform a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) at your request. These exams can uncover evidence of the assault for the investigation.

\*\*\*Note: If you wish to have a SAFE performed it is advised that you not bathe, wash your hands, brush your teeth, eat, or smoke between the assault and the exam so that you do not destroy valuable evidence. In most cases, if a sexual assault is reported under a week from the assault, an exam can still be utilized. To learn more about the exam call 1-877-727-3225.

Deven if not seriously injured, it is advised that you call 911 to notify law enforcement so they can come to your assistance. The Kings County Victim-Witness Center provides services to assist victims within the criminal justice process including compensation, restitution assistance, witness protection, restraining order assistance, and emergency aid. Also, the Kings County District Attorney's Office has a Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence/ Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Unit that can provide court support, transportation, assistance with Child Protective Services, family law and juvenile courts aid, victims' grants, and U-Visa's for undocumented immigrants.

#### **Kings County Victim-Witness Center**

1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230 (559)852-2640

## Kings Co. District Attorney's Office - Sexual Assault Unit Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

1400 W. Lacy Blvd., Hanford, CA. 93230 (559) 852-2969

Advocacy Services Legal Services

6) If you are not comfortable at this point speaking to law enforcement consider calling the Kings

Community Action Organization (KCAO) to speak to a Victim Advocate who can assist you with counseling, services, information, and confidential care in the aftermath of the sexual assault. A Victim Advocate is qualified to give you support and maintain your trust after you have been sexually assaulted.

#### **Kings Community Action Organization**

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**7)** Call a trusted friend or family member that you can confide in. Immediately following a sexual assault it is important to have support. Victim Advocates are experienced and educated to better assist you in the aftermath of the assault, but friends and family can be crucial to healing as well.

\*\*\*Note: An Advocate is best suited to guide you through the aftermath of a sexual assault, but whether you utilize an advocate or not, you can still connect with other resources to help you.

may be concerned at this point about your immigration status and what effect that will have on you. This is an understandable concern. By meeting with an immigration lawyer, you can be comforted and assured that legal services and law enforcement are more concerned with the victimization you endured than your immigration status. An immigration lawyer can also advise you on your legal rights and other legal options.

#### **Central California Legal Services (CCLS)**

FRESNO OFFICE 2115 Kern Street, Suite 1 Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 570-1200

VISALIA OFFICE

208 W. Main Street, Suite U-1

Visalia, CA 93291

(559) 733-8770 or (800) 350-3654

\*\*\*Note: Legal advice can also be obtained through KCAO by speaking with a Legal Advocate at (559) 585-1018.