

**Therapist Development Center (TDC) Tzedakah Foundation  
Strategic Alliance to Fight Exploitation (SAFE) Summer Internship  
Content Description**

The SAFE (Strategic Alliance to Fight Exploitation) Summer Internship prepares high school students to be informed advocates in the fight against human trafficking. Interns build real-world knowledge, leadership skills, career exposure and community connections while earning service hours for graduation.

- Develop a deep understanding of human exploitation, with a focus on combatting sex trafficking
- Hear directly from law enforcement officers, social workers, attorneys, professors, and nonprofit leaders working on the front lines
- Build leadership and advocacy skills through active learning and community awareness projects
- Gain career exposure across fields including criminal justice, social work, education, and nonprofit leadership

This Internship is operated by [TDC's Tzedakah Foundation](#), in partnership with the [Strategic Alliance to Fight Exploitation, Santa Barbara](#) and the [Santa Barbara Police Activities League](#).

### **Knowledge Development**

Interns learn through a mix of field trips, documentaries, readings, writing, and guest presentations. Some content will address mature themes related to human trafficking and survivors of exploitation. We see parents and guardians as partners in this process and encourage you to review examples of the type of content that might be covered below and discuss with your teen at home. All materials subject to change.

- Field trips might include:
  - Noah's Anchorage YMCA Youth Shelter
  - SAFE "Walk Along" through downtown Santa Barbara with speakers from [Kingdom Causes Inc.](#)
- Video excerpts might include:
  - ['Transcend' \(Ep. One\) - Protecting Adult Survivors of Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking](#)
  - [Bad Influence: The Dark Side of Kidfluencing | Netflix Official Site](#)
  - [In Our Backyard: Freedom Sticker Program](#)
  - [Human Trafficking | Myth vs. Truth](#)
  - Power & Career: trafficking: [Rep. Ro Khanna and Epstein survivors' roundtable](#)
  - Power & Fame: P.Diddy trafficking case [60 Minutes](#)
  - Religion & Family: [Sam Bateman sex trafficking case](#)
- Book excerpts written by survivors of sex trafficking might include:
  - [Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets](#) by Carissa Phelps
  - [From The Ashes](#) by Ashley Chesney
  - [Stolen: The True Story of a Sex Trafficked Survivor](#) by [Katariina Rosenblatt](#)
- Presentations:
  - Dr. Jill Sharkey, Interim Dean of UCSB's Graduate School of Education, teaches how to understand, research, and evaluate the realities of human trafficking..
- Advocacy through writing:
  - Sandy Robertson, Board Certified Teacher, works with interns to develop writing skills, find their voice, and learn how to raise awareness through writing

### **Centerpiece Projects & Events**

1. Production of informational flyers which may be posted on SAFE website or used in awareness campaigns.
2. Intern led Q&A Symposium with the District Attorney and Detectives fighting human exploitation. Media may be present to conduct teen interviews.

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Prior symposium news coverage and teen projects can be found at <https://www.safesbc.org/localteenactivism> and [KEYT News : Human Exploitation Teen Activists](#)