

VILLAGE IS POSSIBLE

Our
Wounds
Are
Our
Wisdom

THE CHALLENGE

Youth who have experienced the foster care system are particularly susceptible to being recruited into the sex industry due to unmet needs around love, community, belonging, stable housing and a higher disposition to trauma bonding. **“Child welfare involvement, specifically out-of-home foster care placement, is one of the top contributors in increasing the chances of sex trafficking.”**

A report conducted in 2016 by NCMEC found that **86% of the likely sex trafficking victims were in the care of social services** when they went missing” (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children).

California is ranked as having the **highest number** of reported **cases of human trafficking** in the U.S.

LA County, reported **92% of girls in the juvenile justice system** identified as **victims of sex trafficking** are **Black**. Of those, **62% were from the child welfare**.

WHO WE ARE

Village Is Possible (VIP) is a lived-experience-led organization rooted in healing, liberation, and community care. We work alongside youth and families impacted by foster care, human trafficking, and carceral systems, creating spaces of belonging, safety, and cultural restoration. Our work is grounded in the understanding that our wounds are our wisdom and that thriving becomes possible when communities reconnect with themselves, each other, and the land.

THE SOLUTION

VIP is a community driven organization working alongside those who have experienced sex trafficking and/or system involvement. “Community driven” represents the shared skills in a community to design and guide their own strategic conversations.

SAGE SURVIVOR LEADERSHIP & PEER SUPPORT

Survivor leadership remains the heartbeat of VIP’s work—with peer survivor mentors providing safety planning, crisis navigation, relational coaching, and culturally responsive advocacy. This model fills a critical gap for youth who often feel misunderstood or unheard in traditional systems. Providers regularly note that VIP’s peer support is what “keeps youth engaged” and helps them follow through on goals, appointments, and care plans.

FAMILY CENTERED TREATMENT® (FCT)

VIP is proud to be the only organization in California implementing FCT with youth impacted by CSEC and child welfare involvement. FCT is an evidence-based trauma treatment model of home-based family therapy focusing on holistic, family derived goals related to family functioning, preservation, permanency, and reunification.

VILLAGE VIBES: NOURISHING VILLAGE ROOTS

Village Vibes is a monthly / seasonal series of culturally relevant, healing-centered events for youth ages 15–24 impacted by foster care, trafficking, homelessness, SOGIE oppression, or carceral contact. Events integrate:

- Wellness and somatic healing
- Community care circles
- Creative arts, music, movement, and storytelling
- Food, gifts, incentives, and joyful experiences
- Survivor leadership at every level

Participation is growing rapidly, with youth calling Village Vibes:

“Exactly what I needed.”

“I’ve never experienced a family dinner like this before.”

“This got me out of my comfort zone—and I loved it.”

WHAT DOES VIP NEED?

- Secure expansion funding and investment
- Increase organizational capacity
- Strengthen county partnerships and referral pathways

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Secure multi-year commitments to sustain VIP into 2028

2026 Growth Goals

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Grow our team to ten in order to meet our growing program needs

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Serve all 9 counties in the Bay Area of California