

Events

At SAVIS, we understand our responsibility of addressing gender-based violence in our community and take this commitment very seriously. We engage the community of Halton throughout the year in numerous community-based initiatives and responses. These include the Annual Take Back the Night march and rally, The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women to commemorate the anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre in 1989, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence from November 25th to December 10th, Trans Day of Remembrance & Resilience and Trans Awareness, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and International Women's Day to name a few. We hope to create a space for healing and social change by leading the conversation and raising awareness about gender-based violence.

Volunteer Opportunities

SAVIS is grateful to have an incredible team of talented and dedicated volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering with SAVIS please visit www.savisofhalton.org/volunteer

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24 Hour Crisis & Support Line

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24 Hour Crisis & Support Line

As with all of our programs, SAVIS's crisis line provides free, confidential, and non-judgmental 24-hour support to all survivors of violence, including, but not limited to, female-identified, male-identified, non-binary and trans folks. Our crisis line provides trauma-informed, survivor-centered supportive counselling and referrals and operates 24 hours, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

Accompaniments

SAVIS staff and trained volunteers are available to provide accompaniments to criminal court, Nina's Place, and police stations after incidents of sexual violence. While we cannot speak on your behalf, we will ensure you are being treated in a dignified way, offer information to demystify the legal and medical process, and provide you with emotional support.

To request accompaniment please call **905.825.3622** or **905.875.1555**.



Counselling Program

The counselling program at SAVIS provides trauma-informed care from an inclusive feminist framework to support all survivors, including women, men, trans, and gender-diverse individuals impacted by sexual violence.

Residents of Halton may access up to 18 free, confidential counselling sessions from a compassionate and professional community-based counsellor. For family members or friends supporting a loved one affected by violence, we offer up to eight sessions to provide tools and language to help in the healing process.

In addition to one-on-one counselling, we offer multiple group counselling sessions yearly. Each group will have a unique focus built on the feedback we receive from the community. Among others, topics may include: trauma response and psychoeducation; healthy relationships; coping and grounding skills; and family dynamics.

Our counsellors have a wide range of skills and experiences, are dedicated to ending sexual violence, and supporting and advocating for survivors of sexual violence. We endeavour to create a judgement and barrier-free environment for all.

To access counselling and be connected to a counsellor, call the main line at **905-825-3622** and press 1 to complete a short intake questionnaire. At SAVIS, we believe survivors. We are here to help.

Public Education

Our Public Education Program facilitates a range of presentations, workshops and trainings on topics related to understanding the many facets of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation.

All workshops and presentations are inclusive, interactive, and modifiable in order to suit your needs, and reach a broad audience as we are committed to proactive, preventative education for all.

As part of our commitment to preventive education, there is no cost associated with any presentation or workshop for schools and other not-for-profit community members.

For more information please visit our website: www.savisofhalton.org or email publiceducator@savisofhalton.org.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Our anti-human trafficking program offers free, trauma-informed support to all survivors of, and individuals at risk of, human trafficking. This includes sex trafficking, labour trafficking, domestic servitude, as well as forced marriage.

We recognize that survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation are survivors of trauma and that many have experienced sexual and physical assault, emotional and mental abuse, coercion, manipulation, loss of agency, malnutrition, displacement, witnessed violence against others, threats to loved ones, and much more. Our Case Workers are here to work with you on housing, supportive counselling, basic needs, advocacy, accompaniments, safety planning, risk assessment, life skills, etc. All of us at SAVIS, in all of our programs, operate from a harm reduction, non-judgmental, ARAO-DEI feminist framework.