

# It's Going To Be Ok Inc.

## Founder / President / CEO

**Tonya Stafford** is a native of Dallas, Texas, with over 10 years of experience working with women, young girls, and children. Tonya's desire for helping others comes from a traumatic life, a childhood of sexual molestation, physical abuse, rape and ultimately sold. After receiving a scholarship from Dr. Frowsa Booker-Drew with World Vision, Tonya found herself sitting in a human trafficking class sponsored by the City of Dallas called the Greater Dallas Movement Day where her healing journey began. In the class, Tonya was able to share her story about how she endured abuse and betrayal by those she trusted. Once she began to share her story, she found there were so many people she had met who shared the same horrible secret of human trafficking. In the fall of 2014, It's Going To Be OK, Inc. (IGTBOK, Inc.) was founded.



Tonya's degree specialization is in Early Childhood Education. She is a Certified Mediator, a Registered Level Trainer with The Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System (TECPDS). She is a two-term Board Member for Head Start of Greater Dallas (HSGD), Texas Head Start Association (THSA), and HSGD Policy Council. Tonya has also been trained by Texas Against Sexual Assault (TAASA). Her commitment is to further her knowledge and education in best practices on how to keep our women and children safe. Tonya is a dedicated advocate and a voice for women and children testifying to the Texas State Senate Hearing Committee for Human Trafficking when necessary. She was well received by the State of Texas to recognize January as Human Trafficking Month (HB 2290) which passed on September 1, 2015. She also serves as a voice for those silenced by death and the innocent victims who cannot otherwise speak for themselves.

Ms. Stafford has been honored by Dallas County where she was presented a proclamation on January 5, 2016 for her dedication to eradicating human trafficking. She has assisted in several human trafficking rescues and has brought awareness and education to the public on helping identify current and potential victims. Tonya uses the platform God has given her to create solutions to eradicate those issues on local and worldwide levels.

Tonya is a mother, grandmother and the author of a forthcoming book, *Purpose In My Pain*. Her passion and focus remains to protect women, young girls, and children. Today she continues to share her story to help others see there is hope after trafficking, abuse and neglect.