



YOUTH HOPE MONTH

November is Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention and Education (HOPE) Month - an annual public awareness campaign led by the National Runaway Safeline to shine a light on the issues impacting runaway, homeless and at-risk youth, and to educate the public about how they can help end youth homelessness.

Youth Hope Month mobilizes communities nationwide to show youth in crisis that they are seen, and they are not alone.

November is Youth HOPE Month, we welcome everyone to get involved!



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1-800-RUNAWAY
1800RUNAWAY.org

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773-880-9860

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**KEEPING AMERICA'S
RUNAWAY, HOMELESS AND
AT-RISK YOUTH SAFE
AND OFF THE STREETS**



24/7 CRISIS HOTLINE

1-800-786-2929

LIVE CHAT, E-MAIL, FORUMS AND RESOURCES
1800RUNAWAY.org

With approximately 4.2 million youth ages 13 to 25 experiencing homelessness every year, America is enduring a youth homelessness crisis. Most youth do not become homeless by choice. The causes are complex and not due to a single issue or single incident. Youth experiencing homelessness are at greater risk of physical, mental and emotional illness, assault and suicide.

The National Runaway Safeline operates the national crisis and communication system for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth - known as 1-800-RUNAWAY. Since NRS was founded in 1971, NRS works to keep America's youth safe and off the streets by providing free support, information and referrals to community resources.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

Our trained volunteers, interns, and staff members provide non-directive and non-judgmental support. We work to empower youth and families to devise an action plan to ensure every youth's safety and well-being.

Crisis Services

NRS operates the 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and online crisis services at 1800RUNAWAY.org. There are five ways for youth, caregivers, and providers to reach support - call, text, chat, email and interaction with the online forum. These free, confidential services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Resource Referrals

Utilizing a database of over 6,000 national agencies and services that support young people, NRS refers youth and families to local resources, such as shelters, mental health services, food pantries, and more. Anyone can access this database online at 1800runaway.org and service providers can easily join the database via the NRS website at: 1800RUNAWAY.org/database.

Home Free Program

In partnership with Greyhound, the Home Free program provides a free bus ticket to qualifying youth up to age 21 to reunite youth with their family or reach another safe living arrangement.

Mediation and Message Service

NRS helps reestablish healthy lines of communication for youth and their parents/guardians through mediated conference calls and message service

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Preventing youth from ending up on the street is at the heart of the National Runaway Safeline's work. NRS offers educational resources and training to ensure service providers; educators and communities are equipped to support youth in crisis.

Educational Materials

NRS provides free educational materials, such as brochures, posters and bookmarks, to individuals, schools and organizations to distribute within their community to ensure youth have resources to prevent a crisis and education about resources in a crisis. All materials may be downloaded or ordered at 1800RUNAWAY.org.

Training Sessions

NRS offers comprehensive workshops to organizations and service providers. Trainings have been conducted for child welfare organizations, county juvenile court and correction systems, professional conferences and more.

Topics include:

- Youth Running from Care
- NRS' Trauma Sensitive Solution-Focused
- Crisis Intervention Model
- Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum

Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention

Curriculum This curriculum is a free, interactive tool that helps providers in educational and community settings, such as schools, community centers, and shelters, teach youth critical life skills, including:

- Crisis prevention strategies,
- Problem-solving
- Skills
- Resiliency building.

The curriculum also works to increase a youth's awareness of their available support systems in order to safely address their needs before a crisis escalates.

This curriculum is available to download in both English and Spanish on our website.

Social Media

Through our social media channels, the National Runaway Safeline connects with youth, families, and advocates to raise awareness about youth homelessness and prevention. Each post helps educate communities, spark conversations, and share life-saving resources. By following, sharing, and engaging with our content, you help amplify hope and ensure more young people know they're not alone.

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