

NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

Get Involved. Take Action. Make a Difference.

Networking Session by the National Runaway SafeLine
November 18, 2020

Why is prevention important?

1 in 30 youth aged 13-17 endures some form of homelessness in a year.¹

1 in 10 young adults, aged 18-25, endures some form of homelessness in a year.¹



¹ Morton, M. H., Dworsky, A., & Samuels, G. M. (2017). *Missed Opportunities: Youth homelessness in America. National estimates*. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

NRS Mission

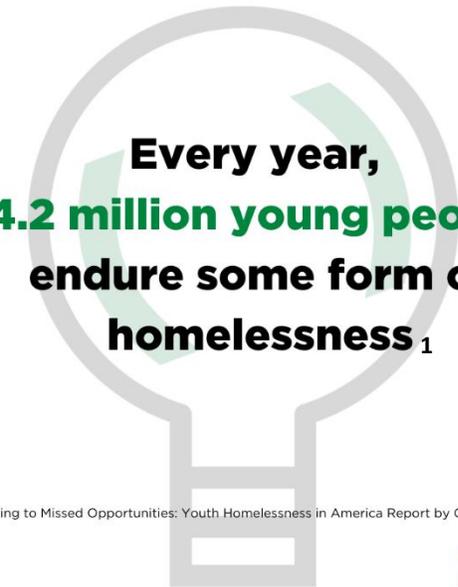
To keep America's runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth (RHY) safe and off the streets.



Here to Listen. Here to Help.

*“At the beginning of the call I hear despair,
at the end of the call I hear hope.”*

- NRS Volunteer



**Every year,
4.2 million young people
endure some form of
homelessness¹**

According to Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America Report by Chapin Hall



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Learn more at 1800RUNAWAY.org/NRPM

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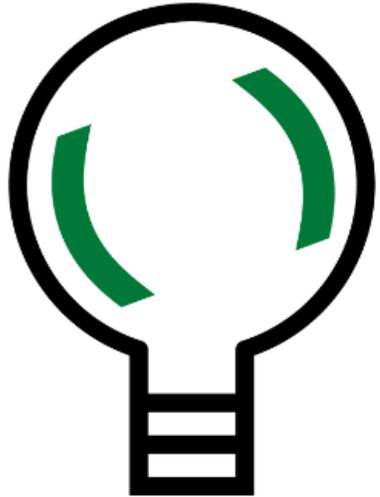
1-800-RUNAWAY:

- Trauma-informed solution focused crisis intervention
- Information and referrals
- Message service
- Conference calls
- Home Free family reunification and transportation program

1800RUNAWAY.org:

- Interactive live chat
- Crisis forum and email
- Free educational and promotional materials

What is National Runaway Prevention Month?



- Led by NRS, with support from Family and Youth Service Bureau (FYSB) and partner organizations, National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) is an annual public awareness campaign where we “Shine a Light” on runaway and homeless youth issues.
- Each November, organizations from across the country host activities and events to highlight the experiences of runaway and homeless youth and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness.
- By showcasing available resources during NRPM, we assist communities in strengthening their safety net for at-risk and homeless youth, and provide a source of light, hope and support for young people.



The campaign goals are:

- To “Shine a Light” on the issues runaway and homeless youth (RHY) face.
- To educate the public about solutions and the role they can play in runaway prevention and youth homelessness.



Become a partner in prevention during NRPM and show America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth they are not alone.



Become an NRPM Partner

The NRPM partner community continues to grow – and we aim to have partners representing every state to make this a truly national initiative!

Partners receive:

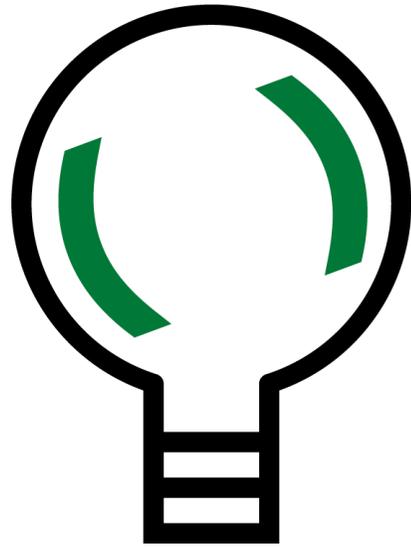
- A welcome packet of goodies;
- Toolkits filled with ideas and resources;
- Invitations to national events and activities; and
- Guidance via partner calls and other resources.

To join, complete our partner form online: 1800RUNAWAY.org/NRPM

Group Discussion

- What successful activities have you executed in support of National Runaway Prevention Month?
- How are you or your organization going to get involved this year?
- What strategies is your organization doing to make a difference in the lives of youth and families?
- What actions would you or your organization like to take in the future?





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