



## NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

November is National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM), an annual campaign spearheaded by the National Runaway Safeline to shine a light on the issues facing runaway and homeless youth, and to educate the public about how they can help end youth homelessness.

NRPM mobilizes communities nationwide to show youth in crisis that they are not invisible and they are not alone.

Become a NRPM partner at [1800RUNAWAY.org/nrpm](https://1800RUNAWAY.org/nrpm)



CRISIS SERVICES  
**1-800-RUNAWAY**  
**1800RUNAWAY.org**

BUSINESS OFFICE  
**773-880-9860**



**@1800RUNAWAY**

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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 genuine youth homelessness crisis. The National Runaway Safeline (NRS) envisions an end to youth homelessness, and until that day, NRS is here to help.

The National Runaway Safeline is the national crisis and communication system for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. Since its founding in 1971, NRS works to keep America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

## CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

The NRS team connects with thousands of young people and their families at their most vulnerable moments. Research has shown that the majority of youth who contact NRS raise issues about family dynamics and abuse and neglect.

### Crisis Services

NRS operates the 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and online crisis services at 1800RUNAWAY.org, including live chat, email and forum. These free, confidential services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Trained volunteers and staff members provide non-directive and non-judgmental support to empower young people to devise an action plan to ensure their safety and well-being.

### Resource Referrals

Utilizing the nation's largest database of 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. Service providers are able to easily join the database via the NRS website at: 1800RUNAWAY.org/database.

### Home Free Program

In partnership with Greyhound, the Home Free program reunites youth with their family or guardian through a free bus ticket home or to 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 a 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 trainings 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. All materials may be ordered or downloaded at 1800RUNAWAY.org.

### Training Sessions

Using the latest trends and research, 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
- Effective Volunteer Program Development and Management
- *Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum*



### Webinars

NRS conducts webinars on topics related to runaway and homeless youth. All webinars are accessible to service providers and the public on our website.

### *Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum*

This curriculum is a free, interactive tool that helps communities teach youth critical problem-solving skills, build resiliency and be aware 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.

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