Dear Friends,

Today’s challenging times reinforce the importance of our extensive community of service providers, donors and volunteers. It is with your support that we are able to meet the critical needs of youth and families in crisis.

Among this community of supporters, we are fortunate to include the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NRS has a longstanding partnership with FYSB, and we are happy to share that we were recently awarded a three-year cooperative agreement to continue serving as the National Communication System for runaway and homeless youth in the U.S.

These funds help support our crisis services center as well as ongoing prevention, educational and training programs. We provide direct assistance to those who reach out through our hotline and online services, and we offer resources, including training, materials and the Let’s Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum to agencies and organizations within the runaway and homeless youth community.

As we look to the future, we remain focused on meeting the ever evolving needs of youth, families and colleagues serving youth in crisis. We are deeply grateful to all of our partners and supporters who help us fulfill our mission to keep America’s runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

With warm regards,
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?

THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION

In 2019, approximately 60% of the youth who contacted us had not left home. This provides a critical opportunity to help young people seek support and prevent them from running away and experiencing the challenges of life on the streets.

In our Let’s Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum, we address the importance of resilience and its impact on a young person’s ability to manage stress. When youth are equipped to manage life’s stressors, they may be able to prevent a difficult situation from reaching a crisis point.

OCTOBER IS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

Many young people who contact us for help are struggling with bullying. This pervasive issue seen in schools across the country can make a young person’s daily life incredibly difficult. Every October, individuals nationwide unite for National Bullying Prevention Month, carrying the powerful message that bullying should never be a part of childhood.

As the Not In Our Town movement notes, “In 2020, when hate is on the rise, our greatest challenge is to stop bullying and hate and move toward welcoming, identity safe, and inclusive places.”

The Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness shares more information on the devastating link between bullying and homelessness.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!
BECOME A PARTNER FOR NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

November is National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM), and every year, in partnership with organizations from the runaway and homeless youth community, we use this milestone to educate the public and shine a light on the issues faced by runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. Consider joining NRS as a partner for NRPM 2020! Together we can amplify the messages of our public awareness campaign and empower people to take action.
The first of our Partner Calls is coming up on October 1st. Sign up today to join us!

Visit our Website to Become a Partner

JOIN US FOR EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICES, A RETREAT HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

This event will bring young people from all over the nation together to discuss the issues impacting them most during these uncertain times. Topics will cover mental health, the unique needs of homeless youth, professional development, and more. We hope to use this virtual space to lift up the thoughts, needs, and hopes of young Americans.

Click Here to Register

YOUTH IN THE NEWS

What Drives Learning: Young People's Perspectives on the Importance of Relationships, Belonging and Agency

This new report from America's Promise Alliance provides insight into young people's perceptions of the conditions that support their social, emotional, and cognitive learning and development.

The Children in the Shadows: New York City's Homeless Students

More than 100,000 city public school students lack permanent housing, caught in bureaucratic limbo that often seems like a trap. This is what their lives are like.

"The number of homeless New Yorkers has risen to the highest point since the Great Depression, and the largest demographic..."
What Drives Learning highlights the effect that supportive relationships, a sense of belonging, and feelings of agency can have on students’ self-reported engagement and learning in school.

Within the homeless population is children. As a result, the number of homeless students has increased nearly 70 percent over the last decade, according to the Department of Education.

If you are in crisis
CALL 1-800-786-2929 | CHAT 1800RUNAWAY.org

CONNECT WITH US