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## GREETINGS FROM NRS

Dear Friends,

We recently hosted the second conversation about prevention in our two-part [Runaway Prevention Roundtable Series](#). The panel featured experts, researchers, and practitioners in the field, offering their perspectives on improving accessibility of services for youth and effective, practical prevention measures. Video recordings from this conversation, along with the July Youth Panel, featuring nine young people with lived experiences of homelessness or housing instability, are now available on our roundtable webpage. We invite you to watch these recordings to learn from these unique perspectives.

We also recently released our [2020 Crisis Services & Prevention Report](#). This report, built in collaboration with researchers at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, analyzes data collected from crisis contacts served by NRS in 2020. Notably, this year's document also includes findings specifically related to the impact of COVID-19 on the youth we serve. We are excited to share this information with you.

Finally, we are so excited to begin a year-long celebration of the National Runaway Safeline's 50th Anniversary! Since we opened our doors as Metro Help way back in 1971, NRS has served countless young people and their families, connecting them to life-saving resources and a compassionate, non-judgmental ear. [Click here to visit our anniversary page](#): view our organization timeline, share a story about how NRS has impacted you, and consider supporting our 50th Anniversary fundraiser to help us continue our work and grow our unique programs.

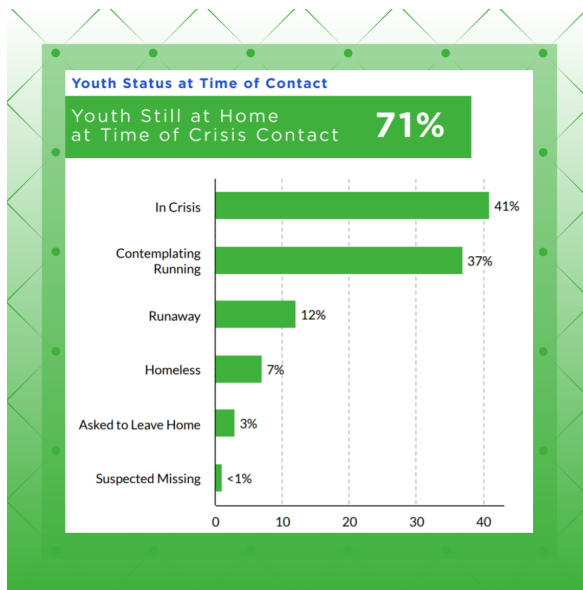
We are so thankful for all of our partners, volunteers, and supporters over the years who have helped contribute to our dream of a world free from youth homelessness. Here's to another 50 years and a future where every young person has a safe place to live, grow and thrive.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Frankel".

Susan Frankel  
Chief Executive Officer

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?

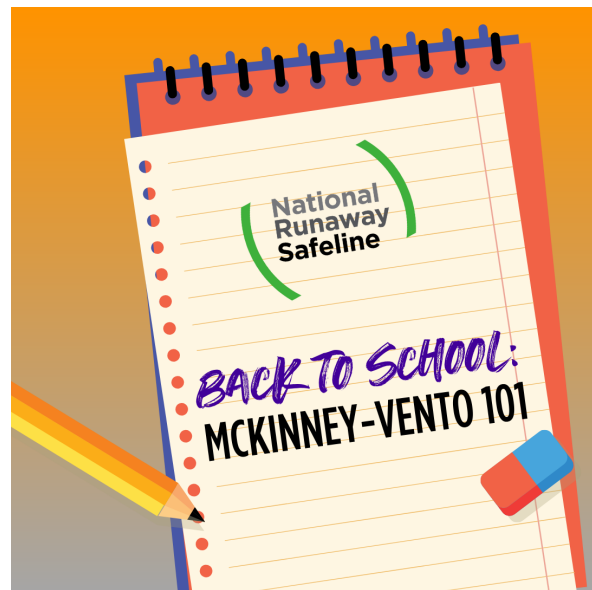


### 2020 CRISIS SERVICES REPORT & MORE

As stated above, NRS is proud to release our 2020 Crisis Services & Prevention Report, available for download by all at our "Media Contacts and Materials" webpage, or by [clicking here](#).

Also available on this page are a range of other downloadable resources, including earlier Crisis Services reports, annual snapshots, fact sheets, and social media graphics. We invite you to refer to and make use of these materials as best suits your organization's needs.

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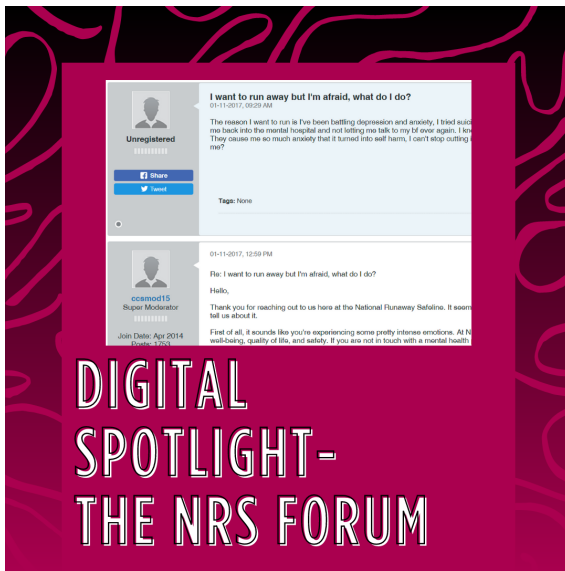


### BACK TO SCHOOL: MCKINNEY-VENTO 101

Returning to school can bring about a range of emotions for any student. For students who are lacking a stable residence, it can intensify feelings of anxiety, fear, or avoidance. In our recent blog post, we provide an overview of available resources for students experiencing homelessness and answer some commonly asked questions.

If there is a young person in your life who might be dealing with housing instability, share this post with them! Every young person is entitled to full access to education, regardless of their circumstances through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

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## DIGITAL SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - THE NRS FORUM

Did you know that the NRS digital forum serves as a critical tool in support of young people and their families? In 2020 alone, over 432,000 people visited the forum to access resources and information on a range of subjects.

Young people may not feel comfortable reaching out over the phone or might feel like they are alone in their problems. The NRS forum is a wonderful resource to provide answers to questions based on others' experiences, while reminds young people that they are not alone in their experiences and feelings.

[Click Here to Visit the Forum](#)

## YOUTH IN THE NEWS



## WE'RE HIRING!

Are you looking for a fulfilling career that allows you to support runaway, homeless and at-risk youth and their families? NRS is currently hiring for a Communications & Digital Media Coordinator, a Development Coordinator and a Crisis Services Supervisor.

Benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, generous PTO, and flexible scheduling. If you or someone you know sounds like a good fit, check out the listings on our site. We look forward to hearing from you!

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**Vulnerable youth need justice,  
and legal aid needs community**

## Our student homeless numbers are staggering. Schools can be a bridge to a solution.

"Levi Bohanan was homeless as a high school senior. Without a parent or guardian looking after him, he wasn't sure he would graduate, let alone go on to college. But then school staff connected him to resources that would support him, they told him about Pell Grants, and that assistance changed his life.

"None of that can happen absent trust,' said Bohanan, who is now a special assistant at the U.S. Department of Education. 'None of that can happen without teachers and educators and staff knowing what to engage with and what to look for.'"

**Phoenix, AZ** | "If it's difficult to imagine why a young adult would need a lawyer, consider the burdens they carry and are striving to rise above. This is who [the Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services] serves:

A despondent and undocumented teenager who found us through a homeless and runaway youth program. He had been eligible for an immigration program for years but simply never had the money or guidance to apply for it. He was desperate to work to support himself. Once he could work, he quickly rose to a management position in his workplace...

...I'll add that vulnerable kids and youth also need access to lawyers. Every person deserves a chance to seek justice."

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