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YOUTH IN CRISIS

WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?



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+ Why do Youth Runaway?

- Young people who run away for long periods of time in the majority of cases do not run away because they are rebellious.
- They often run away because it's safer to leave home than it is to stay.
 - 46% physically abused
 - 17% sexually abused
 - 38% emotional abuse
- They run away because of family conflict, abuse, immediate danger, etc.



+ Consequences of Youth Homelessness

- Increased risk of mental health problems, poor physical health, suicide, etc.
 - 32% have attempted suicide
 - 3 times more likely to have major depression, conduct disorder, or PTSD
 - 60% of homeless youth have a diagnosable mental health condition
- 16 times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV
 - 7 times more likely to die from HIV
- 75% will drop out of school



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IF YOU FOUND A YOUTH ON THE STREET

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

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NATIONAL SAFE PLACE

- Safe Place is a **National** Program that allows youth in crisis to seek safe shelter anywhere in the United States.
- Fire Department
- Police Station
- Libraries
- RTA
- Schools



For Youth...Someplace To Go.
Someone To Help.



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Housing Programs

- Emergency Shelters
- Transitional Living Programs

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Youth Service Center

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- Our Youth Service Center program provides immediate help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for 11 – 17 year olds.
- The 21-day program gives teens and their families hope that things CAN get better
- 12 beds
 - Riverside & Desert



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951-351-4418



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- Individual, Group, and Family Counseling
- Education on Site
- Recreation
- Safe Environment
- 24 Hour Staff

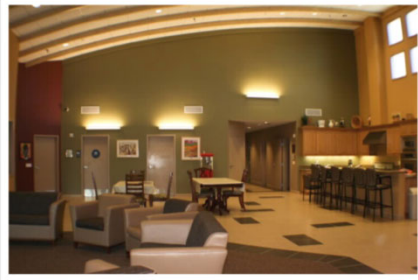


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The Main S.T.A.Y. Shelter

- **Emergency shelter for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY), ages 18-24.**
- **An alternative to your traditional adult shelter, with only 4 beds, 2 male and 2 female.**



4509 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501
951-515-6155

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- **Up to 30-day program.**
- **Intensive Case Management, with a focus on permanent stable housing.**
- **On-Site Clinician.**
- **Life Skills Training.**
- **Provides three meals a day.**

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Transitional Living Program

- **Our Transitional Living Program is aimed at helping homeless youth, age 18-21.**
- **We provide education (GED/college) and employment assistance, individualized case management and specialized therapy.**
- **Main Street**
 - 12 TLP / 5 Voucher Units
- **Harrison House**
 - 13 TLP / 7 Voucher Units



MAIN STREET TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM APARTMENTS

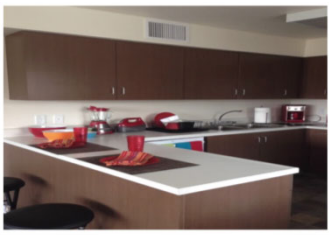
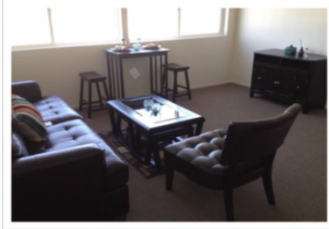
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Harrison House of the Desert



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760-636-4799

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- The purpose of the **Street Outreach** program through **Operation SafeHouse**, is to increase youth safety and self-sufficiency for homeless and at-risk youth ages 11-21.
- The **Street Outreach** team operates through-out the County of Riverside as well as utilizes community partnerships.
 - Youth Opportunity Centers
 - Local City Officials
 - County Partners (Behavioral Health & Housing Authority)



Street Outreach Program

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Street Outreach Program

- **Services provided:**
 - **Address Immediate Needs**
 - **Housing resources and referrals**
 - **Case management**
 - **Mental Health resources**
 - **Education assistance**
 - **Transportation (Tentative)**



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- **The Cup of Happy program focuses on mental health for youth 16-25 years of age.**
- **Overcome mental health stigmas in school settings.**
- **Teach healthy coping skills.**
- **Spread mental health awareness.**
- **LGBTQIA+ support groups.**
- **Mentoring programs.**
- **Participate in the Directing Change film competition.**

Cup of Happy

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What's Up? SafeHouse App

- What's Up SafeHouse, our new downloadable App, provides anonymous text-communication, 7am-11pm with a licensed mental health professional from SafeHouse.



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What's Up? SafeHouse App

Reasons youth use the What's Up? SafeHouse App

CITY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Relationships	295	29.2%
Depression	285	28.2%
Anxiety/stress	280	27.7%
Suicide	61	6.0%
Abuse	31	3.1%
Homelessness	26	2.6%
Other	25	2.5%
Psychosis	8	0.8%

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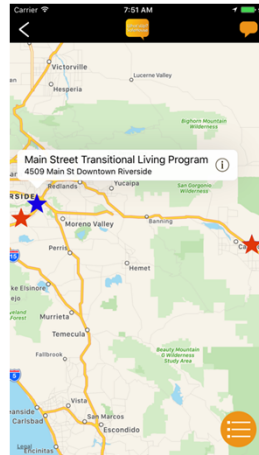
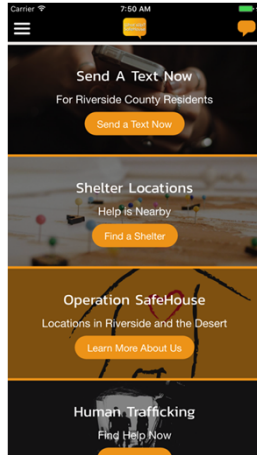


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Anti-Human Trafficking

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- **What's the average age for someone to be Trafficked?**
12 – 14 years old
- **How long does it take for a pimp to approach someone on the street?**
Within the first 1 hour of leaving home

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Anti-Human Trafficking

- 11 – 17 year olds
- SafeHouse serves as co-chair of the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking task force ensuring comprehensive care to all trafficking victims.
- Our goal is to restore dignity to trafficking victims.






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