




OPERATION SAFEHOUSE





OPERATION SAFEHOUSE

[HTTP://WWW.OPERATIONSAFEHOUSE.ORG](http://www.operationsafehouse.org)



1

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE





YOUTH IN CRISIS

WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?



2

3

Operation SafeHouse

+

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

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE

SAFEHOUSE

3

4

IF YOU FOUND A YOUTH ON THE STREET


WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE

SAFEHOUSE


4

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



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.*

5



Housing Programs

Emergency Shelters

Transitional Living Programs

6

Youth Service Center

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



- 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



9685 Hayes St, Riverside, CA 92503
951-351-4418

7

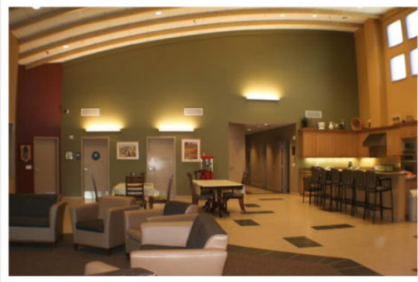
OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



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

8

SafeHouse of the Desert



72710 E Lynn St., Thousand Palms, CA 92276
760-343-3211

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



9

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

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



10



- 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.

11

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

4509 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501
951-369-4921

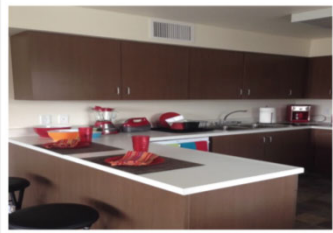
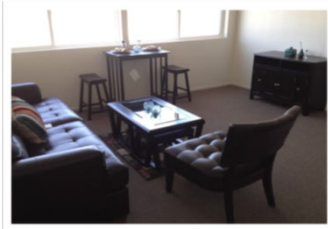
OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



12



Harrison House of the Desert



72695 La Canada Way, Thousand Palms, CA 92276
760-636-4799

13



- 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

14

Street Outreach Program

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



OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



15



- **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

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



16

16

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.

Are You 11-24?
Help is one Text Away

What'sUp?
SafeHouse

DOWNLOAD "WHAT'S UP
SAFEHOUSE" OR TEXT
844.204.0880 TO TEXT WITH A
TRAINED COUNSELOR

DOWNLOAD NOW

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



17

2

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%

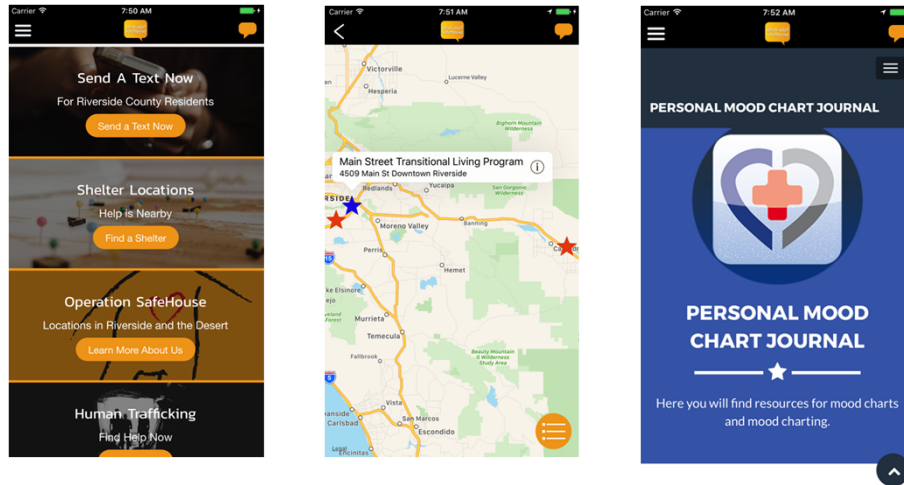
OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



18

2

What's Up? SafeHouse App



OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



19

Anti-Human Trafficking



- **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

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



20

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.



OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



21

Operation SafeHouse
(951) 351-4418 Youth Service Center 24/7

(951) 515-5508 AJ Vasquez – Director, Street Outreach Program

avasquez@operationsafehouse.org

THANK YOU

• [HTTP://WWW.OPERATIONSAFEHOUSE.ORG/](http://www.operationsafehouse.org/)

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



22