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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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# Emergency Youth Shelter

- Our Emergency Shelter program provides immediate help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- The 21-day program gives teens and their families hope that things CAN get better



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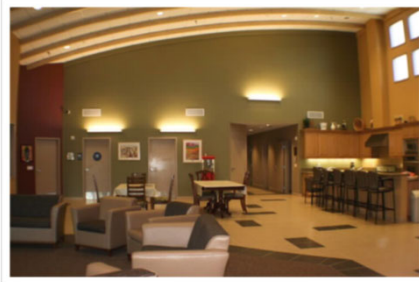
- Individual, Group, and Family Counseling
- Education on Site
- Recreation
- Safe Environment
- 24 Hour Staff

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## SafeHouse of the Desert



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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.**



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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 TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM  
APARTMENTS

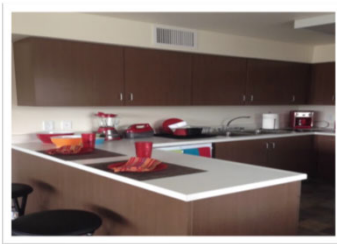
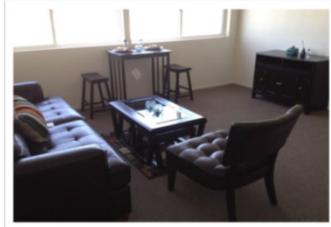
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## Harrison House of the Desert



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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 11-24.
- 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:**
  - **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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## 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**

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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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A person wearing a grey beanie and dark gloves holds a large cardboard sign. On the sign, there is a simple line drawing of a house with a chimney and a door, followed by the word 'HOMELESS' in large, hand-drawn capital letters. The person's face is partially visible above the sign.

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