

National Runaway Prevention Month

NRPM

A weekly tip sheet for being involved during the month of November

Week 3: System Involved Youth

Monday

Introduce audiences to this week's focus. The idea is to introduce audiences through statistics and trends.

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Optional statistic to share:

- According to an NRS longitudinal study, over 30% of respondents who had been in foster care as an adolescent had also run away from home compared to 8.1% of individuals who had not been in foster care.

Tip: Learn more about National Runaway Safeline research at <https://www.1800runaway.org/homeless-teen-research/>

Tuesday

Connect this weeks theme to other issues affecting youth. Tuesdays are about framing the issues within a greater context.

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Sound Bite:

- Typically, children who run aren't bad kids; they're good kids running from bad situations.

Tip: Share some additional information about NRS crisis connections from 2016. You can also look up call volume activity by state and zip code.

<https://www.1800runaway.org/runaway-statistics/crisis-hotline-online-services-statistics/>



Wednesday

Allows individuals and agencies to participate in NRPM national events!

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National Candlelight Vigil:

- Host a Candlelight vigil in your community to show solidarity with youth in crisis.

Tip: If you would like to support but are unable to plan an event, post a picture of a candle to social media to show your support and remember to use the hashtags #NRPM2017 and #endyouthhomelessness.



Thursday

Thursdays are designed to put faces and stories to the "issues."

Optional Activities:

- Host a book club/discussion (Book Suggestions: "Foster Girl, A Memoir")

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Tip: If you are unable to host a movie/book night, take a look at the NRPM Toolkit and suggest some materials that followers/staff/volunteers can check out on their own.



Friday

National and local agencies will use the momentum built during the week to get people involved as donors, volunteers, and advocates.

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Optional Activity:

- This is a great time to show your support and appreciation for volunteers and donors who support your organization and make it possible to help youth in crisis.

Tip: When you are highlighting your supporters make sure to also share ways for other people to get involved - opportunities, fund raisers you may have planned, and resources that can help support your mission.



Remember to use [#NRPM2017](https://www.1800runaway.org/runaway-statistics/crisis-hotline-online-services-statistics/) and [#endyouthhomelessness](https://www.1800runaway.org/runaway-statistics/crisis-hotline-online-services-statistics/) anytime you share something for National Runaway Prevention Month in November.