



TECHNICAL SUPPORT

NRS provides consultation and technical support to organizations that adapt training modules.

TRAINING SOLUTIONS

NRS offers training that provides information on current trends and research on the issues that affect the delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

TRAINING COSTS

NRS offers cost-effective training. The trainer cost is \$125 per hour, plus material and travel costs.

ADDITIONAL INFO

For more information on our services please visit us at 1800RUNAWAY.org. To learn more about training opportunities contact NRS' training and education manager at 773-289-1724 or losipchak@1800RUNAWAY.org.

Professional Development Trainings

Youth Running from Care - 3 hours

This training will explore the reasons youth choose to leave foster or residential care. Comparisons are drawn between youth leaving "intact" families and those leaving an out-of-home placement. Relevant research and National Runaway Safeline's *Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum* will guide discussion of potential preventions for first-time and future runaway incidents. Staff attitudes and beliefs regarding youth who run will be addressed throughout the training.

Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention - 3 hours

This hands-on training provides participants with a step by step curriculum from development to implementation. Using a "train the facilitator" model, participants will be prepared to implement the curriculum in their work setting with youth grades 5-12. Participants will receive a copy of the curriculum on CD-ROM (English or Spanish) and will work with the facilitator to develop an implementation plan.

Sex Trafficking of Runaway, Homeless and At-Risk Youth - 3 hours

This workshop informs attendees about Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) of children which includes prostitution, sexual trafficking, pornography, sex tourism, and other forms of transactional sex where a child is involved in sexual activities in order to have key needs fulfilled, such as food, shelter or access to education. CSE also includes transactional sex where sexual abuse of children is not stopped or reported because doing so would cause benefits derived from the perpetrator to no longer exist. As service providers and community leaders, it is crucial to recognize and combat stereotypes of people engaged in the sex industry and those enduring exploitation. Through experiential activities, video, and discussion, this workshop will define the issue of CSE and require participants to examine their own attitudes and beliefs about youth involved in CSE. Participants will consider language used when discussing CSE and identify factors that put youth at risk. Discussion will focus on the complex challenges of creating effective program initiatives and providing services to victims. Finally, participants will learn about programs that are addressing this issue nationwide.

Volunteer Program Development and Management - 3 hours

NRS currently maintains a corps of over 120 volunteers providing services in areas such as: phone and online based crisis intervention, information and referral, conflict mediation, runaway education and prevention, outreach, fundraising, and event planning. This workshop will guide a focused discussion of NRS' success in maintaining a corps of diverse, highly-trained volunteers through the use of comprehensive recruitment, management, retention and recognition programs. Participants will take away practical tools that can be tailored to the development of a volunteer program and/or improvement of current practices in managing volunteers in their agency.

Trauma Sensitive Solution-Focused Crisis Intervention - 4 hours

This training will introduce NRS' five step, trauma sensitive, solution-focused crisis intervention model that guides the training of all crisis personnel. Special attention will be given to challenging situations, including those that require mandated reporting. Participants will practice responding to callers in crisis through small group activities and will "answer" crisis calls through back-to-back role plays.