

# National Runaway Prevention Month

# NRPM

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

## Week 4: Vulnerable Populations

### Monday

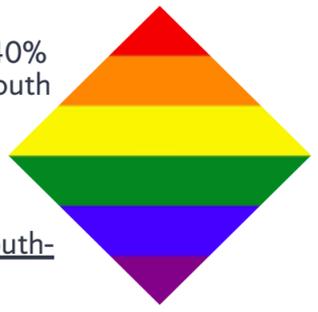
Introduce audiences to this week's focus. The idea is to introduce audiences through statistics and trends.

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Optional statistic to share:

- According to a 2012 Williams Institute Study, 40% of homeless youth identified as LGBTQ. LGBTQ youth are significantly overrepresented on the streets.

**Tip:** Learn more about this research at <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Durso-Gates-LGBT-Homeless-Youth-Survey-July-2012.pdf>



### 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:

- LGBTQ youth are more likely to leave home, and tend to have a harder time once they are on the streets.

**Tip:** Consider doing an activity from the [Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum](#) with a group of young people. Suggested Activity: [Module 12: Sexuality & Sexual Orientation - "Becoming an LGBTQ Ally."](#)

You can download Let's Talk for free at <https://www.1800runaway.org/runaway-prevention-curriculum-sign-up/>

### Wednesday

Allows individuals and agencies to participate in NRPM national events!

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**Selfie Sign Day:**

- Go to [1800RUNAWAY.org](http://1800RUNAWAY.org) to download a selfie sign to support NRPM.

**Tip:** Use the caption "This is how I have helped a friend..." and share a story of how you have been a friend or support to a youth in crisis.



### Thursday

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

Optional Activities:

- Host a movie night (Movie Suggestion: "Boys Don't Cry" or "Saved!")

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**Tip:** Think about hosting a youth panel to give young people who have worked with your agency a chance to tell their story. This could be done alone or in connection with a movie night and can be a really powerful way to connect faces to the issues.

### 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:

- As NRPM wraps up this can be a great time to recap what your organization has accomplished during the past year and commit to being a part of NRPM efforts next year.

**Thanks to everyone for being a part of NRPM 2017! With your help we can continue to raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis and work to end youth homelessness.**



Remember to use [#NRPM2017](#) and [#endyouthhomelessness](#) anytime you share something for National Runaway Prevention Month in November.