



County of Riverside

HHPWS

Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions

“Runaway Youth Awareness Month”

Multidisciplinary Approaches to End Homelessness

A Continuum of Care Division Webinar Series



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About the Webinar Series

Purpose

These webinars provide an opportunity to engage with local and regional experts on best practices, advocacy tools and resources available to prevent and end homelessness in Riverside County.

Recorded Webinars

After the live webinar has taken place, the recording will be added to our website.

Upcoming Webinars

We are working on securing speakers for future webinars and would love to feature you or your agency.

Email CoC@rivco.org if interested.

Agenda for Today

10:05 AM	Welcome	HHPWS – Continuum of Care Staff: Emma Perez-Singh, Administrative Services Manager
10:05 – 10:30 AM	Operation Safehouse	AJ Vasquez, Field Manager Beatriz Meza, Street Outreach Worker
10:30 – 10:55 AM	RCOE / McKinney Vento	Beth Bartholomew, Director I Pupil & Administrative Services
10:55 – 11:00 AM	Q&A: Please type your questions in the chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible at the end of the webinar.	

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November is National Runaway Prevention Month, a public awareness campaign designed to “shine a light” on the experiences of runaway and homeless youth that too often remain invisible. It is also an opportunity to spotlight the resources available to support youth in crisis throughout the nation.

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





Housing Programs

Emergency Shelters

Transitional Living Programs

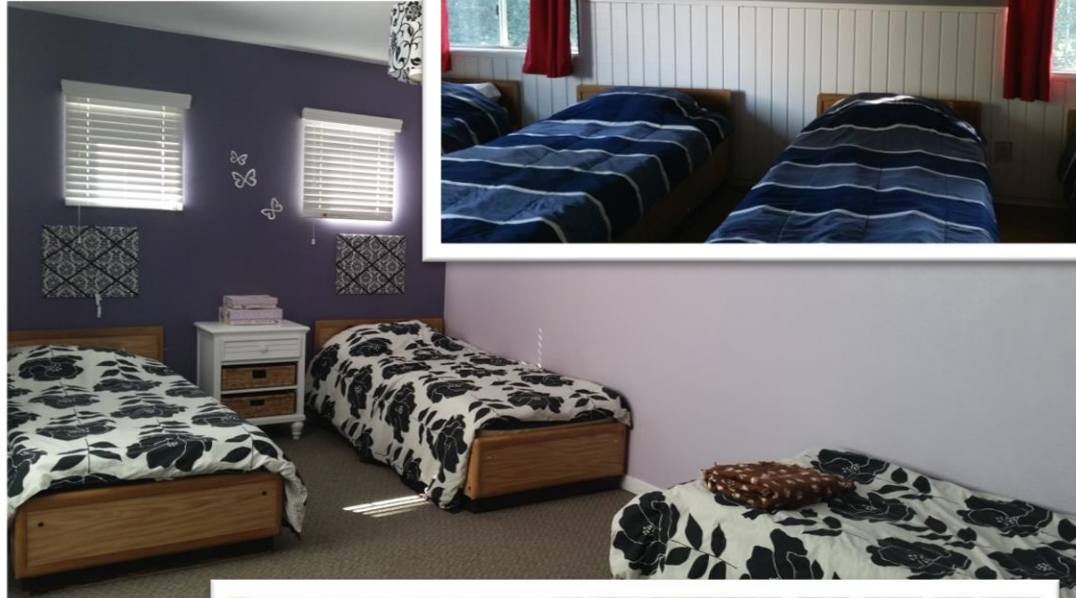
Emergency Youth Shelter

- **Our Youth Emergency Shelter 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**



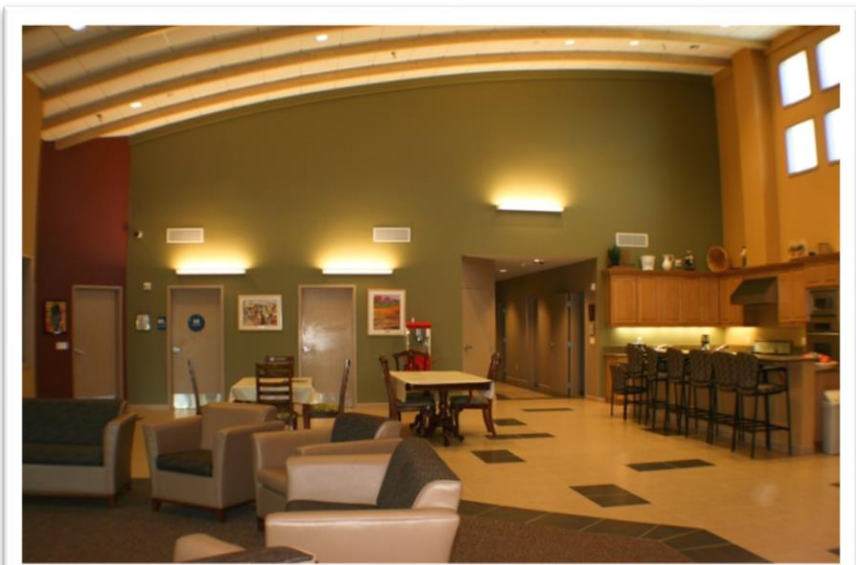
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951-351-4418





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

SafeHouse of the Desert



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

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



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





- **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.**

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 –**
 - ▶ **11TLP / 5PSH**
- ▶ **Harrison House**
 - ▶ **12TLP / 8PSH**



**MAIN STREET TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM
APARTMENTS**

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

Harrison House of the Desert



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

OPERATION SAFEHOUSE



- ▶ 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 Team

Street Outreach Program

Street Outreach Program

► Services provided:

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





- ▶ **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

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

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.**



What's Up? SafeHouse App

- ▶ **What's Up SafeHouse, our new downloadable App, provides free, anonymous text-communication, from 7am to 11pm with a licensed mental health professional from SafeHouse.**

Are You 11-24?
Help is one Text Away

What'sUp?
SafeHouse

SAFEHOUSE

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

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THANK YOU

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



Supporting Runaway Youth through the McKinney-Vento Program

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Director 1, Pupil and Administrative Services
Riverside County Office of Education

Definition of Homelessness:

McKinney-Vento Act* (42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2))

- ▶ Children or youth
 - ▶ who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
 - ▶ NO minimum income requirement
 - ▶ No age limit
 - ▶ No time Limit
- ▶ Includes youth sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason
- ▶ Living in hotel, motel, trailer park or campground due to lack of alternative housing
- ▶ Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- ▶ Children or youth with a primary nighttime residence that is a public place not designed as a sleeping accommodation for human beings
- ▶ Children or youth living in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar situations
- ▶ Migratory children who qualify because the children live in the circumstance described above

*Differs from HUDs definition



What is Fixed, Regular and Adequate?

▶ Fixed housing

- ▶ Is not easily moved
- ▶ If student is in a residence that is fixed, that means the home is not moving such as a motor home, trailer, or car

▶ Regular Housing

- ▶ Student stays at the same place every night
- ▶ If student is in a residence that is regular, they are not hopping from home to home daily, weekly, or on a monthly basis

▶ Adequate Housing

- ▶ Living conditions provide basic needs such as running water, electricity, heat, and safe living conditions without overcrowding
- ▶ If student has adequate housing, they will have their own bed or bedroom, their own space with privacy, heat, water, and electricity.

Unaccompanied Minor or Unhoused Youth

- ▶ Youth and children not in physical custody of their parent or guardian
 - ▶ No age limits
 - ▶ Eligibility is based on current housing situation
 - ▶ Includes pushed out and runaway youth
 - ▶ An offer to return home, but they declined, does not make them ineligible
- ▶ Unaccompanied status alone, does not make them homeless. We must look at the entire situation
 - ▶ Is housing fixed, regular and adequate?
 - ▶ Current living situation even if youth currently has housing
 - ▶ Examples...

Rights of Youth that Qualify...

- ▶ Remain in School of Origin. The school the student
 - ▶ attended when permanently housed
 - ▶ most recently attended
 - ▶ was most connected to within last 15 months
- ▶ Immediate enrollment; including attending classes and participating fully (42 U.S.C. § 11434a(1)) even if
 - ▶ the student lacks appropriate records such as immunization records, proof of residency, prior school records, etc
 - ▶ The student has a history of absences or outstanding fines/fees
- ▶ Automatically eligible for free meal program and not required to complete application.
 - ▶ Meals should begin on day of enrollment.
- ▶ Transportation to remove barriers to enroll in and attend school, including extra curricular activities (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(4)(A))
 - ▶ Remains until the end of the school year in which they obtain permanent housing

High School Aged Youth

- ▶ Partial Credit recovery from prior schools
- ▶ If youth transfers schools after second year of high school, he/she becomes eligible for **Graduation Credit Waiver**
 - ▶ Graduate with CA's minimum credit requirements (AB 1806)
- ▶ Individualized information and counseling regarding college readiness, college selection, applying for school, financial aid (FAFSA) and on-campus supports
- ▶ Unaccompanied youth must be assisted with FAFSA Verification of homelessness to be eligible for independent student status for maximum financial aid for college.

How Can I Help a Youth?

- ▶ All school districts are required to have a McKinney Vento Liaison, serve students through high school graduation.
 - ▶ List available at www.rcoe.us or [McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Education Program | Riverside County Office of Education \(rcoe.us\)](#)
- ▶ RCOE is hosting a Winter Wonderland Event for students K-12 on December 11 at the Convention Center. Students need to RSVP
- ▶ When in doubt, refer them to RCOE Pupil and Administrative Services Team

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Division of Student Programs and Services
Pupil and Administrative Services

Winter WONDERLAND

and Holiday Toy Giveaway

Saturday, December 11, 2021

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Riverside Convention Center
3637 Fifth Street | Riverside, CA 92501**

Map on reverse.

Children and their families are invited to enjoy an engaging afternoon of **holiday cheer!**

All children will be given a toy to take home!

Children and teens must be present to receive gift.

- Pictures with Santa**
- Arts and crafts** *(While supplies last.)*
- Hot chocolate station**
- Photo booth**
- Holiday meal**
- And much more!**

RSVP by Monday, December 6, 2021
at <https://rcoe.k12oms.org/212539>.



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Questions and Comments

Next Webinar: LGBTQ+ / Non-Binary

January 2022