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Safe Place® An Introduction for Community Partners

How does Safe Place® work?





What is Safe Place?





National Safe Place Network (NSPN)

- Mission – Ensuring an effective system of response for youth in crisis through public and private partnerships at a local, state, and national level.
- Vision – National Safe Place Network envisions a world where all youth are safe.

NSPN operates the nationally recognized Safe Place program to establish bridges to safety for all youth in crisis.



Safe Place by the Numbers

- Safe Place began in 1983
- Currently in 40 states
- 1500 communities including Charlotte, Gastonia, Raleigh, Washington, Wilmington, Winston-Salem,
- More than 400,000 youth helped to date
- 18,974,200 youth reached with Safe Place information
- Thousands of transit/mobile locations to accompany the 22,000 sites



Safe Place Models

- Licensed agency (The primary traditional model since 1983. Ensures shelter, crisis intervention, counseling and referrals.) Note Hawaii Youth Services Network will be launching a state-wide Safe Place effort with kick-off conference scheduled for March 8, 2023.)
- TXT 4 HELP Partner (Focused on awareness)
- Transit Partner
- First Responder Partner



Safe Place in Action

- Youth (11 – 17 in most communities and up to 24 in others) are educated about the program and community-specific resources via school presentations, events, social media, referral sources, and word of mouth.
- Youth may access help either by entering a site and asking for help or using the TXT 4 HELP system to connect with a master's level mental health counselor.
- When a youth enters a site or boards a transit unit, the employee follows standard protocols to connect youth to applicable local resources.
- Licensed entities provide non-identifying data to NSPN to support tracking of utilization, needs, and outcomes.



What is TXT 4 HELP?

- Provides youth information
- Connects youth with an immediate response
- Free and confidential
- Works throughout the nation where cell phone signals are available





Questions?



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