

YOUTH REFERRALS

Every school district must have a McKinney-Vento Liaison to help students in temporary housing.



LOCAL RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM

Call the National Runaway Safeline at **1-800-RUNAWAY** or visit 1800runaway.org

HELP WITH COLLEGE & LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



- **NYS-TEACHS:** Browse resources and scholarship information on our Higher Education & Postsecondary Opportunities page: nysteachs.org/higher-education-and-postsecondary-opportunities
- **SchoolHouse Connection:** Learn about their scholarship program, read *Youth Voices*, and browse resources: schoolhouseconnection.org


Did you know? If you're an unaccompanied homeless youth, you may qualify to complete the FAFSA as an Independent Student (w/out your parents' info). Ask your school counselor or NYS-TEACHS (800-388-2014) about it!



UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH: PUBLIC BENEFITS & LEGAL ISSUES

- **Medicaid:** An "emancipated minor," who is someone over 16 who is living separate from their family and is not in foster care, can get Medicaid.
- **SNAP benefits – Policies for Unaccompanied Youth:** fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-clarification-policies-barriers-facing-homeless-youth
- **Birth certificates, driver licenses, IDs:** Your district liaison and/or RHY program representative may be able to assist you.

Reach out to NYS-TEACHS (800-388-2014) for more information.



Homeless Youth Handbook: New York
Covers a variety of topics
homelessyouth.org/en/us/new-york
Published by The Door, Mondelez International, & Baker McKenzie

The **COALITION FOR HOMELESS YOUTH** advocates for the needs of runaway and homeless youth in New York State and can support with helping you find resources in your area. For more information, click here.

THE DOOR provides a variety of services and programs for youth in New York City, including legal services for housing, public benefits, family and safety. Visit door.org.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Consenting to Your Own Health Care: this NYCLU guide explains your healthcare rights. nyclu.org/sites/default/files/thl.pdf

NAMI: the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization nami.org

Find a Substance Abuse Treatment Provider: oasas.ny.gov

Vaccines: To get free vaccines, contact the [local county health department](#) or call the NYS Vaccines for Children Program at **1-800-543-7468** for more information about other providers.

- If you aren't living with a parent or guardian, a *person in parental relation* can consent to your immunizations. Call NYS-TEACHS (800-388-2014) with questions.

If you are in crisis, please seek help immediately. Call **1-800-273-TALK (8255)** to reach a 24-hour crisis center, call 911, or go to the nearest emergency room.



LGBTQ+ RESOURCES

GLSEN: find resources for LGBTQ+ youth and register or find your school's GSA, at glsen.org

The Trevor Project: find support and resources on sexual orientation, gender identity, and more, at thetrevorproject.org/resources/trevor-support-center/

Safe Horizon's Streetwork Project (NYC): provides resources and a community for LGBTQ+ youth. Visit safehorizon.org or call the Hotline at **1-800-708-6600**.

LGBT National Help Center: find online or over the phone support, peer-support, and local resources at lgbthotline.org