

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/topics/higher-education/
- **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/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, email info@nychy.org.

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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NYS-TEACHS.org

The New York State Technical Assistance Center for Homeless Students

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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

Ok2Talk: an online resource and support system for teens to get mental wellness resources at ok2talk.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 glbthotline.org