

Do you know someone under 21 who:

- Has run away?
- Is thinking about running away?
- Is homeless?
- Is sleeping in a car?
- Is sleeping over a friend's house and doesn't want to go home?
- Is experiencing problems with family, friends and/or school?
- Wants to go home and doesn't know how to talk to his/her parents?

SANCTUARY *can help by:*

- Providing referrals to short-term emergency housing
- Providing crisis intervention
- Providing youth and family counseling
- Providing youth advocacy
- Providing information and help to develop independent living skills and options

SANCTUARY is part of the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau's comprehensive system of youth services. As a specialized project, Sanctuary assists youth between the ages of 12 and 21 who run away or are at risk of running away from home. Sanctuary's professional staff members provide individual/family counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals to short-term emergency housing.

Services are confidential and free of cost for all Town of Huntington residents. Funding for Sanctuary is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, Suffolk County Youth Bureau, and the Town of Huntington.

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF THE
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON YOUTH BUREAU**

**HUNTINGTON DRUG & ALCOHOL
631-271-3591**

Substance abuse education, prevention, and counseling services for youth and adults.

EXCEL 631-271-5497

Employment services, GED classes, expressive arts and life skills programs for youth.

YOUTH COURT 631-271-5644

Peer justice program run by and for youth.

FACILE 631-425-9694

Family Center offers education and advocacy services.

**REACH COMMUNITY & YOUTH AGENCY
631-549-9417**

Serves youth in the Commack & Half Hollow Hills school districts.

**TRI COMMUNITY & YOUTH AGENCY
631-673-3303**

Serves youth in the Huntington, South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor school districts.

**YDA COMMUNITY & YOUTH AGENCY
631-261-7901**

Serves youth in the Northport/East Northport, Harborfields, and Elwood school districts.

Other Community Services

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	669-1124
Rape & Spouse Abuse.....	360-3606
STD Hotline.....	853-3147
HIV/AIDS Hotline.....	385-AIDS
New York State Child Abuse Reporting Service.....	800-342-3720

**HUNTINGTON HOTLINE
631-549-8700**

*At first I slept over a
friend's house.*

Then I slept in a car.

Then I called

SANCTUARY...

*They understood and
helped.*



**HUNTINGTON
SANCTUARY PROJECT**

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Host Homes - Sanctuary offers temporary emergency housing for runaway youth through its host homes network. Host homes volunteer to provide room and board and to allow these youth to live as a member of their family while Sanctuary staff works with the adolescent and his/her parents to facilitate a return home. The average stay is one or two nights with a maximum stay of two weeks in special cases. Training is provided to host homes and they are certified through Sanctuary by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to be volunteer host homes.

Sanctuary Advisory Board - A group of committed community members participate in an advisory capacity to Sanctuary's Project Director on the concerns of runaway and homeless youth in the Town of Huntington. Sanctuary's Advisory Board has produced the Youth Yellow Pages, a directory of services for youth in the Town of Huntington for over the last ten years.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering your services to Sanctuary in any capacity, please fill out the information below and mail it to us. We will contact you.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I am interested in information about:

Becoming a Host Home

Joining the Advisory Board

Other

FAMILY SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

- Do you wish your family got along better?
- Do members of your family sometimes find it difficult to talk to each other?
- Has there been a recent change in your family that has created tension or caused a "communication gap" to occur?
- Is there a youth in the family who is between the ages of 12 and 21?

If you answered "yes" to some of these questions, Sanctuary's Family Social Work Program may be able to help. Family counseling can help you and your family members learn to communicate more effectively with one another. Families will receive assistance with identifying obstacles and learn the skills necessary to successfully overcome them.

If you are frustrated by your home life and you want things to change, Sanctuary can help. All of our services are confidential, and are provided at no cost to residents of the Town of Huntington.

PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Parenting may be the most difficult job you will ever have. It often requires support and guidance. With this in mind, Sanctuary developed a parenting education program to address the challenging and rewarding job of parenting. The Parenting Education Program offers parenting workshops on a variety of topics such as:

- Limit setting
- Effective communication
- Discipline techniques
- Anger/stress management
- Conflict resolution
- Improving your child's self esteem
- Sibling rivalry

The Parenting Education Program is provided at no cost and is open to any parent who is a resident of the Town of Huntington. Funding for the program is provided by grants from the Harmon Foundation, Target, and the Kiwanis Club of Huntington.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

- Do you find yourself looking for a place to sleep from night to night?
- Do you live with your friend's family and feel you need to move on?
- Have you recently slept in a motel or in a car?
- Do you feel that there is no one you can rely on?
- Are you ready to make a change?

If you answered "yes" to at least one of these questions and you are between the ages of 16 and 21, Sanctuary may be able to help you. A staff member can assist you in making decisions about how you want to change your life. Some of these decisions may include where to live, how to make and spend money, how to arrange to see a doctor if you need one, and what to do about going to school.

If you would like to speak to someone who can help you find a place to stay and can assist you in making decisions, please call Sanctuary. Our services are free and confidential.

RUNAWAY PROGRAM

- Have you ever run away from home?
- Are you thinking about running away?
- Do you feel as though your family doesn't understand you?
- Do you sometimes feel like you need to talk with someone who does understand you?

If you answered "yes" to at least one of these questions, reside in the Town of Huntington, and are between the ages of 12 and 21, Sanctuary may be able to help. The counselors at Sanctuary are available to meet with you and assist in sorting out the many conflicting feelings you might have. If you have already run away from home and have nowhere to go, they can assist you in finding a safe place to stay. Sanctuary's counselors understand what you are going through, and will work hard to give you the help you need. Our services are confidential and are provided at no cost to Town of Huntington residents.