

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

Runaway Services

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



About This Book

The Small Book re Child Care is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

Adoption	Literacy
Child Abuse	Mental Health
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Dental	Runaway Services
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RUNAWAY SERVICES

A 24-hour toll-free and confidential help line for runaways and their parents is available from the Statewide Runaway Hotline, call **(800) 292-4517**.

SITUATION: A youth has run away or is threatening to run away from home.

- ❖ **Two week residential care for youth ages 10-17 who have run away from home or are considering running away from their home, in need of protection (often in conjunction with the Department of Human Services*), or otherwise experiencing problems at home.** Parental consent is required and parent/guardian must sign admission forms within 24 hours of the youth entering the program. Available from Family Youth Interventions* (FYI*), (586) 465-1212 (Mt. Clemens).

Services include:

- A highly-structured program with two study hours daily (parent must arrange for school work to be provided).
- Group, individual, and family therapy, vocational, recreational and activities of daily living. Focus of the program is on family therapy.

Depending on staff availability, aftercare services for up to three months may be offered to families participating in the program. Outpatient counseling for three months may also be available or client will be referred to an appropriate counseling agency.

In case of insufficient bed availability, youth and families may be placed on a waiting list or referred to a runaway shelter program in Oakland, Wayne or St. Clair counties.

<i>Sanctuary</i>	<i>Royal Oak</i>	<i>(248) 547-2260</i>
<i>Off the Streets</i>	<i>Wayne County, Detroit</i>	<i>(313) 873-0678</i>
<i>Counterpoint</i>	<i>Inkster</i>	<i>(313) 563-5005</i>
<i>The Harbor</i>	<i>Port Huron</i>	<i>(810) 982-8584</i>

If a youth has violated a court order not to run away, he/she may be placed in the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center*. A runaway is usually placed in the youth center only if the youth has been told by the court that he/she cannot run away and then violates the court order. Sheltercare at the Juvenile Justice Center* is usually accessed through DHS*- Children's Protective Services*. Residential fees at the Juvenile Justice Center* are approximately \$90.00 per day, based on the parent's ability to pay. Calls from parents who wish to place their child in the youth home (prior to court involvement) are usually referred to Family Youth Interventions* (FYI)*.

SITUATION: A youth is requesting to be emancipated from his/her parents.

By law in Michigan, youth 16 or older may file for emancipation. It is a legal process where the youth must demonstrate the ability to accept adult responsibilities. The process takes place in Juvenile Court*, beginning with contacting the court so that the law and its criteria can be explained. A petition for emancipation is filed in Juvenile Court* by the youth. Criteria for emancipation include:

- Demonstrated ability to support self (must provide proof of support)
- Ability to accept/handle adult responsibilities, i.e. sign legally binding contracts
- A written affidavit is required from a professional person (teacher, nurse, minister, counselor, probation officer, etc.) attesting to the youth's ability to act in a mature manner.
- Providing a birth certificate

The process takes about 3-4 weeks once the petition is filed. This is a legal process where the decision is made based on facts presented to the court. Parents may participate, though their input is generally in the form of a statement to the court. While many teenagers seek information on emancipation, much fewer actually meet the criteria and follow through with the petition. You may call for an appointment or more information from Juvenile Court*, (586) 469-5412.

SITUATION: A parent is asking your advice about their child who has run away.

When a child is home truant, it is often helpful for the parents to contact the child's school and the police. The police may ask parents to wait 24 hours to make a report, although they have been known to take a report sooner. This is often an important step which may be overlooked by parents. However, it helps to ascertain the youth's safety, as well as holds the child responsible for his/her behavior. It is also helpful to call the child's friends and notify their parents of the situation. Often a runaway child will stay at a friend's house and tell the friend's parents that they have permission.

MACOMB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS			
Armada Police Department	(586) 784-9152	Richmond Police Department	(586) 727-7545
Center Line Police Department	(586) 757-2200	Romeo Police Department	(586) 752-3587
Chesterfield Police Department	(586) 949-2112	Roseville Police Department	(586) 775-2100
Clinton Twp. Police Department	(586) 791-2020	St. Clair Shores Police Department	(586) 445-5300
Eastpointe Police Department	(586) 775-0400	Shelby Twp. Police Department	(586) 731-2121
Fraser Police Department	(586) 293-1425	Sterling Hts. Police Department	(586) 446-2800
Memphis Police Department	(586) 392-2144	Utica Police Department	(586) 731-2345
New Baltimore Police Department	(586) 725-2181	Warren Police Department	(586) 574-4700
New Haven Police Department	(586) 749-5121		

SITUATION: A runaway wishes to return home.

- ❖ **Free Greyhound Bus Rides Home for Qualified Runaway Youth, ages 12 - 20** Volunteers will also provide crisis intervention services to youth and parents/guardians; confirm the youth's status as a runaway; contact Greyhound to issue a ticket; locate and make referrals to local community agencies. Available from the National Runaway Switchboard* (NRS) "Home Free" program, (800) 621-4000.

SITUATION: A homeless youth needs a safe place and connect with services.

- ❖ **A drop-in center for homeless youth** providing a safe and appropriate setting in which youth can congregate and utilize a spectrum of services from a basic meal to counseling. Available from The Refuge, (586) 465-1212.

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For the complete Resource Directory, please go to www.misd.net/connection





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age birth to 5 years, please call:

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