

SAFE PLACE

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program



What is Safe Place?

SAFE PLACE consists of a national network of more than 21,000 partnering businesses and community locations, such as fast-food restaurants, convenience stores, fire stations, public buses and libraries, that display the Safe Place sign in their windows. As youth enter a designated Safe Place and ask for help, trained staff members connect them to the appropriate licensed youth agency for assistance.

Statistics show that 30% of runaway children are lured into sex trafficking within 48 hours on the street.

In addition to Safe Place sites, youth in crisis may also access immediate help by texting the word "safe" and their current location to 4HELP (44357). The youth will receive a reply with the nearest Safe Place location and the phone number for the local Safe Place agency. Youth in crisis can also text interactively with a counselor for more help.

With human trafficking at an all-time high, youth on the streets are in great danger. Together, we can help them get to a safe place quickly.

About Christian City, your local Safe Place agency

CHRISTIAN CITY was established in 1965. The 500-acre campus in South Fulton County includes the Children's Village Residential Program, Safe Place Runaway & Homeless Youth Program, Crossroads Foster Care & Adoption Program and homes for active senior adults. For more information, visit christiancity.org or call 770-964-3301.

Meet your Safe Place Coordinators

TAM AND KELVIN FINLAY respond 24/7 to metro Atlanta youth in crisis who reach out for help through the Safe Place Program. The Finlays are also responsible for connecting with community partners and school social workers to increase awareness of the Safe Place Program among middle school and high school students in the following counties: Fulton, Douglas, Carroll, Fayette, Coweta, DeKalb, and Cobb.

To help inform your students about Safe Place, contact the Finlays. Or visit our website to utilize resources.

Safe Place Coordinators

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Metro Atlanta Counties Served by Christian City Safe Place

CHRISTIAN CITY'S Safe Place Runaway & Homeless Youth Program serves a large part of the metro Atlanta area through a partnership with QuikTrip gas stations, YMCA of Metro Atlanta, and some fire stations, in the following counties: Fulton, Douglas, Carroll, Fayette, Coweta, DeKalb, and Cobb. Other Safe Place agencies serve the remainder of metro Atlanta.

Safe Place Resource Links

Info for educators

christiancity.org/SPresources





Info for youth in crisis christiancity.org/SP

Preview Q&A Video for youth

bit.ly/SPswreg





Teachers - register to show **Q&A Video to students** bit.ly/SPteacher



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