

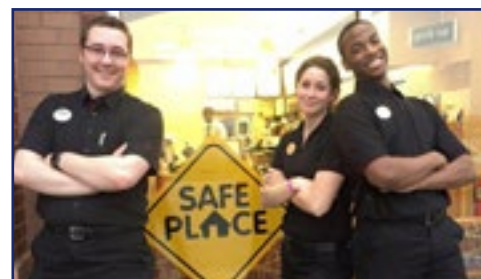
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THE NATIONAL SAFE PLACE NETWORK NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK 2016 CELEBRATED NATIONWIDE



Jeffersonville, Indiana Mayor Mike Moore visited Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services to proclaim NSP Week 2016.



Chick-fil-A employees in Merrillville, Indiana showed their NSP Week spirit by posing for a photo with the Safe Place sign.

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National Safe Place Week (NSP Week) was celebrated nationally on March 20-26, 2016. This annual week serves to raise awareness about Safe Place and recognize the many valued partners who work together to provide help and safety for all youth.

This year, more than 50 licensed Safe Place agencies celebrated NSP Week in a variety of different ways. Agencies hosted Safe Place site and volunteer appreciation events, photo and art contests, Safe Place community bake sales, conducted news interviews, NSP Week proclamation readings, and much more. To date, NSPN has tracked 85 print, online and broadcast news stories published during NSP Week that highlight Safe Place and TXT 4 HELP.

NSPN launched an official NSP Week Thunderclap campaign to help raise awareness about the week on social media. Thunderclap is a crowd-speaking tool that amplifies a single message. More than 130 individuals shared the NSP Week Thunderclap message to a total social audience of 133,843 people.

NSPN AND NN4Y QUESTION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The outcome of this year's presidential election will have great implications on the lives of young people in America. NSPN and the National Network for Youth (NN4Y) sent letters and questionnaires to all of the 2016 presidential candidates. The questionnaire included questions on public policy issues key to the runaway and homeless youth and child welfare populations. As of May 1, 2016, NSPN and NN4Y received one completed questionnaire from Senator Bernie Sanders. Please visit www.nspnetwork.org for more information about this project, including a list of questions presented to each candidate.

LAURIE'S CORNER



I read a quote recently by John Maxwell that says, "If you possess the desire to make a difference, place a high value on people, and are willing to team up with others, significance is within your reach." This is a perfect description of National Safe Place Network! The desire of this agency is to create interactions that are significant to all, whether it is a youth reaching out for help via text message, a youth worker receiving a professional certification, a business serving as a Safe Place for youth or an agency taking advantage of a membership benefit. This quote also brings to mind the Safe Place program, which was celebrated last March during National Safe Place Week. NSP Week celebrates all of those working together to strengthen the safety net for youth in communities across the country. The Safe Place program would not be possible without individuals, organizations and corporations who desire to make a difference and collaborate with one another to ensure youth are safe.

I believe significance is within reach for NSPN and it is because of all of you who help advance this organization's mission and ultimate success. In this issue you will read about Paul Hamann, NSPN's Volunteer of the Year. Paul has contributed his time and energy to support multiple NSPN events – he is a true team player. Additionally, please take the time to read about our new staff members and those who have generously donated resources to support NSPN. If you desire to help NSPN make a difference and would like to provide a gift or resource, please visit the website or contact me directly. Together, we can create positive change for youth and families.

Laurie Jackson

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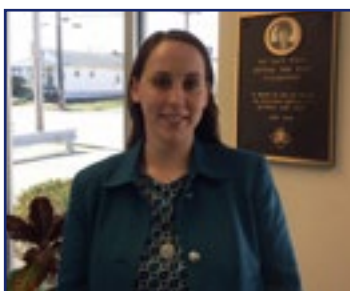
NEW TEAM MEMBERS

NSPN is pleased to welcome three new team members!

NSPN's new team members bring years of diverse experience to their roles along with innovative ideas and a willingness to serve. Welcome to the Network, Zach, Lindsey, and Rachel!



Zach Elmore
Receptionist



Lindsey Collier
Human Trafficking Specialist



Rachel Hurst
Development Associate

NSPN HONORS



CSX

CSX has been a generous supporter of NSPN over the years. The company recently contributed \$100,000 to support Safe Place expansion efforts and NSPN training opportunities.

CSX hosted the recent NSPN Board of Directors meeting in Jacksonville, Florida and provided a sponsorship which facilitated Laurie Jackson's participation in the New Strategies Program conducted by Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. NSPN is enormously grateful for CSX's ongoing commitment to strengthen services provided to youth and families.



NSPN President/CEO Laurie Jackson completed the New Strategies Program at Georgetown University.



Paul Hamaan

NSPN is delighted to recognize Paul Hamaan as the recipient of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award. Hamaan is the President and CEO of The Night Ministry in Chicago and has contributed greatly to his agency and the youth services field. During the past year, he donated his time, expertise and experience to support NSPN's national conferences. Hamaan presented workshops at both Focus 2014 and the 2015 National RHY Grantees Conference, volunteered to facilitate an inspiring keynote youth panel discussion at the conference and was instrumental in the planning of a pre-conference institute on leadership development.



True Colors Fund

NSPN is proud to acknowledge True Colors Fund for sponsoring the 2015 National RHY Grantees Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. NSPN is proud to collaborate with True Colors Fund as they work to end homelessness among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.

Safety Matters: Real Kids. Real Stories.

Sophia's Story



Seventeen-year-old Sophia had a threatening altercation with her boyfriend and decided to leave in order to protect herself and her unborn child. Feeling scared and alone, she decided to take the bus to her old neighborhood. Just before boarding the bus, she noticed a yellow Safe Place sign by the door and remembered learning about the sign in school. She boarded the bus and told the driver she needed help. A trained volunteer met her at a nearby bus stop, took her to the licensed youth shelter and provided crisis support, comfort and care. Because of Safe Place, Sophia reunited with a loving relative and is raising her child in a secure, supportive environment.

Safe Place News and Updates

Safe Place Program Expansion



In March 2016, Lutheran Social Service (LSS) of Minnesota hosted a Safe Place Implementation Training for all of their agency partners across the state. This was the first step in an effort to create a state-wide Safe Place network connected to one parent agency. NSPN is excited to be working with this visionary organization committed to strengthening the safety net for youth through this model.

In addition to growth in Minnesota, NSPN also trained the following agencies who are expected to launch Safe Place this year:

- Somerset Homes – Bridgewater, New Jersey
- Oklahoma Youth Collaboration – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Leadership York County – Rock Hill, South Carolina

Interested in starting Safe Place in your community? Contact us today to learn more about how you can expand the national safety net for youth! info@nationalsafeplace.org



Photos taken during Safe Place Implementation trainings hosted at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota in Minneapolis and Somerset Homes in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

NSP WEEK IN PHOTOS



During NSP Week, Sally Kate Winters set up Safe Place information tables in middle and high schools in West Point, Mississippi.



The King County, Washington Safe Place team had fun posing with the sign to promote NSP Week.



Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services launched a Safe Place site partnership with the Mendota Boys & Girls Club.



Youth Focus in Greensboro, North Carolina hosted an open house to showcase their emergency shelter program, Act Together Crisis Care.



Advocates for Children in Cartersville, Georgia hosted a bake sale to support their Safe Place program.

NSPN Membership News and Updates

NSPN Announces Individual Membership

The 2016-2017 NSPN membership campaign is underway and there has never been a better time to join the Network. In addition to meeting the needs of organizations across the country, NSPN now offers an individual membership option for professionals who wish to expand their connections and development as youth care workers.



Individual Membership

Join as an individual member and receive the following benefits:

- Access to the NSPN Network of Support
- Monthly, members-only emails
- Advocacy alerts and public policy updates
- Access to one members-only webinar in 2016

The Individual Membership package is \$35 for individuals not working for an NSPN member organization. The Individual Membership package is only \$25 for those working for an NSPN member organization. Join NSPN and connect with a dedicated community of youth services professionals by visiting: www.tinyurl.com/lamNSPN

Want to learn more about NSPN's Membership packages and benefits? Visit www.nspnetwork.org today.



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RHYTTAC NEWS AND UPDATES



Runaway and Homeless Youth
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Youth Thrive™ Curriculum

NSPN and RHYTTAC are pleased to offer the Youth Thrive™ Curriculum for youth service providers. This two-day training is provided at no charge to RHY grantees.

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) developed Youth Thrive™ in 2011. The curriculum is based on a set of principles that translates into clear and concrete recommendations for any adult working with vulnerable youth.

Youth Thrive™ is based on five premises that reflect what adults need to do, but more importantly, how they need to do it. Youth are best supported by professionals who:

- Understand current research on neuroscience and adolescent development and its implications for working with young people.
- Understand the impact of traumatic stress and how to use trauma-informed approaches.
- Recognize relationships as a primary source of growth and learning for youth people.
- Competently provide culturally appropriate services.
- Assess and modify their own beliefs and practices and take care of themselves in challenging environments.

If your organization is interested in bringing Youth Thrive™ or another training to your region, please contact Mark Wolf at mwolf@nspnetwork.org.

YOUTH THRIVE™

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF RHYTTAC

Engagement Opportunity

Grantee Spotlight: Would you like your program to be featured in our grantee spotlight section of rhyttac.net? Any FYSB RHY grantee organization is eligible to participate in the spotlight effort. We want to highlight all of you – regardless of the size of your agency or how many grants you may have. Your organization is doing critical work to support runaway and homeless youth. These efforts deserve to be recognized. The spotlight features grantees from every HHS region. **Apply now at:** <http://ow.ly/KU54J>



RHYTTAC and HTR³ Facilitated and Recorded Webinars are routinely available. Please visit our events calendar on rhyttac.net for details and to access eLearning.



Join us for “Talk It Out Thursdays” and HTR³ discussion based conference calls! These conference calls provide opportunities for staff from RHY programs to join in for an hour long discussion regarding a variety of RHY and Human Trafficking topics. Check the calendar at rhyttac.net for the topic and schedule.



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