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Emergency Shelter: 370 Linwood Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14209

Resource Center: 1451 Main Street • Buffalo, NY 14209

24-Hour Helpline: (716) 886-0935
website: www.compasshouse.org



*Residential Services for
Youth Ages 12-17*

EMERGENCY SHELTER

370 Linwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209
24-Hour Crisis Help Line (716) 886-0935



The Compass House Emergency Shelter meets the basic needs of runaway and homeless youth ages 12-17 through immediate access to crisis counseling, meals and a temporary place to stay.

We are the area's only shelter for both male and female youth.

Trained, caring professionals are always on hand to listen and provide support. All services are voluntary, confidential & free.

*Open 24-hours a day,
seven days a week,
365 days a year.*

ARE YOU HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS?

HAVE YOU BEEN KICKED OUT OF YOUR HOUSE?

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH FAMILY ISSUES?

Where will you go?

FACT:

The National Runaway Switchboard estimates that within three days of being on the streets a young person will resort to drugs, crime or prostitution just to survive.

Come to Compass House.



*Non-Residential Support for
Youth Ages 14-24*

THE RESOURCE CENTER

1451 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209
Client Services: (716) 884-3066
Administrative Offices: (716) 886-1351



The Resource Center is a place where 14-24 year-old clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless can stop-in Monday through Friday for guidance in a supportive environment. Services include:

- Case Management*
- Individual, Group & Family Counseling*
- Food, Cooking & Laundry Facilities*
- Personal Care Supplies*
- Clothing & Household Items*
- Groups & Recreational Activities*

Finding Your Way to Help.

PROJECT SAFE PLACE

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Getting assistance from Compass House can be as easy as finding a Tops Market, NFTA bus or other site in your neighborhood — day or night. Through the Safe Place Program, young people in crisis can access help at any location displaying the yellow symbol to the right.





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COMPASS HOUSE OVERVIEW

Mission:

To provide homeless and runaway youth with safe shelter and services, through a voluntary and mutually agreed-upon process, in an environment which supports dignity, respect and self-reliance.

Compass House Facts:

Compass House is a not-for-profit agency offering safe shelter and services for runaway and homeless youth in Western New York. Founded in 1972, we have an almost four decade track record of advocacy in WNY and remain the only shelter and resource center for both male and female runaway and homeless youth ages 12-24 in Erie County.

Philosophy and Goals:

- We are committed to working with youth, and their families in a non-judgmental, non-authoritarian way, to find solutions without assigning blame
- We encourage youth to work on and deal with their problems in a constructive, positive & responsible manner, while we assist in improving family relationships when possible
- We respect the rights and privacy of each youth
- We are committed to the goal of helping to empower each youth to become stable, independent & productive members of our community
- We are committed to working with each youth as a partner in planning for his or her future and in achieving personal goals
- All of our services are voluntary and free

Services Offered:

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- Open 24 hours a day, housing up to 13 youth
- Serves both male & female runaway & homeless youth, 12 through 17 years of age
- Safe Place Program enables youth to access services throughout Erie County at all TOPS Markets and Martin Super Stores, as well as any NFTA bus and at other designated locations.

Providing immediate access to:

- Safe shelter, food, clothing & needed emergency services
- Intake and assessment services
- Crisis counseling, individual, family & group counseling
- Referrals, advocacy & aftercare

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- A Non-Residential Program Open Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm (groups 5-7 pm four nights a week)
- Serves both male & female homeless youth, 14 through 24 years of age

Providing immediate access to:

- Intake and assessment services
- Case Management Services
- Crisis counseling, individual, family and group counseling
- Referrals, advocacy and aftercare
- Positive social & recreational activities
- Individual & group independent living skills instruction