



compass house

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safe shelter and services for runaway and homeless youth

What is Safe Place? Who is Compass House?

Safe Place is a national youth outreach program that educates thousands of young people every year about the dangers of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own. This easily-replicated initiative involves the whole community to provide safe havens and resources



for youth in crisis. Safe Place creates a network of Safe Place locations — schools, fire stations, libraries, grocery and convenience stores, public transit, YMCAs and other appropriate public buildings – that display the yellow and black diamond-shaped Safe Place sign. These locations extend the doors of the youth service agency or emergency shelter throughout the community. Youth can easily access immediate help wherever they are. Their mission is to provide access to immediate help and supportive resources for all young

people in crisis through a network of sites sustained by qualified agencies, trained volunteers and businesses.

Compass House, part of Safe Place’s vast network, is a not-for-profit agency offering safe shelter and services for runaway and homeless youth in Erie County twenty-four hours a day. Our mission is 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’s Emergency Shelter is located at 370 Linwood Avenue in the city of Buffalo. Our Shelter meets the basic needs of runaway and homeless youth ages 12-17 through immediate access to shelter, crisis counseling, meals and a host of other services. We are the area's only shelter for both male and female youth. Trained, caring professionals are on hand 24-hours a day, seven days a week to provide the necessary supportive services. Through our Safe Place Program, youth in crisis can receive assistance in getting to the shelter via our Safe Place locations.



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For more information visit Compass House at <http://www.compasshouse.org/> or Safe Place at <http://nationalsafeplace.org/>.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

370 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209
24-Hour Crisis Help Line: 716.886.0935
Fax: 716.886.8386
Web: www.compasshouse.org



RESOURCE CENTER

1451 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209
Client Services: 716.884.3066
Administrative Offices: 716.886.1351
Fax: 716.886.8387

Safe Place **Poster Contest Guidelines**

- 1) Students must be in grades 6-12.
- 2) Submitted poster must be size 16x20 paper.
- 3) Must include contact information for Compass House, including: website (www.compasshouse.org), Phone (716-886-0935), Address (370 Linwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209).



- 4) Must include Safe Place symbol:
- 5) Completed posters can either be mailed or dropped (between the hours of 9-5) at Compass House, 1451 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209.
- 6) Send only a hard copy please.
- 7) Please include artist's name, mailing address, contact information, and school.
- 8) Only original artwork will be considered. Please note artwork will not be returned.

Use your imagination! These posters should reflect the missions of Compass House and Safe Place as well as showcase your creativity!

Must be submitted by: Friday, April 12th, 2013 at 5pm

The chosen poster will be printed and distributed to all Erie County schools serving 6-12 grade students in an effort to increase awareness about Safe Place and Compass House .

Questions? Contact Rachel Wozniak at (716)886-1351 or rawozniak@verizon.net for further information!