

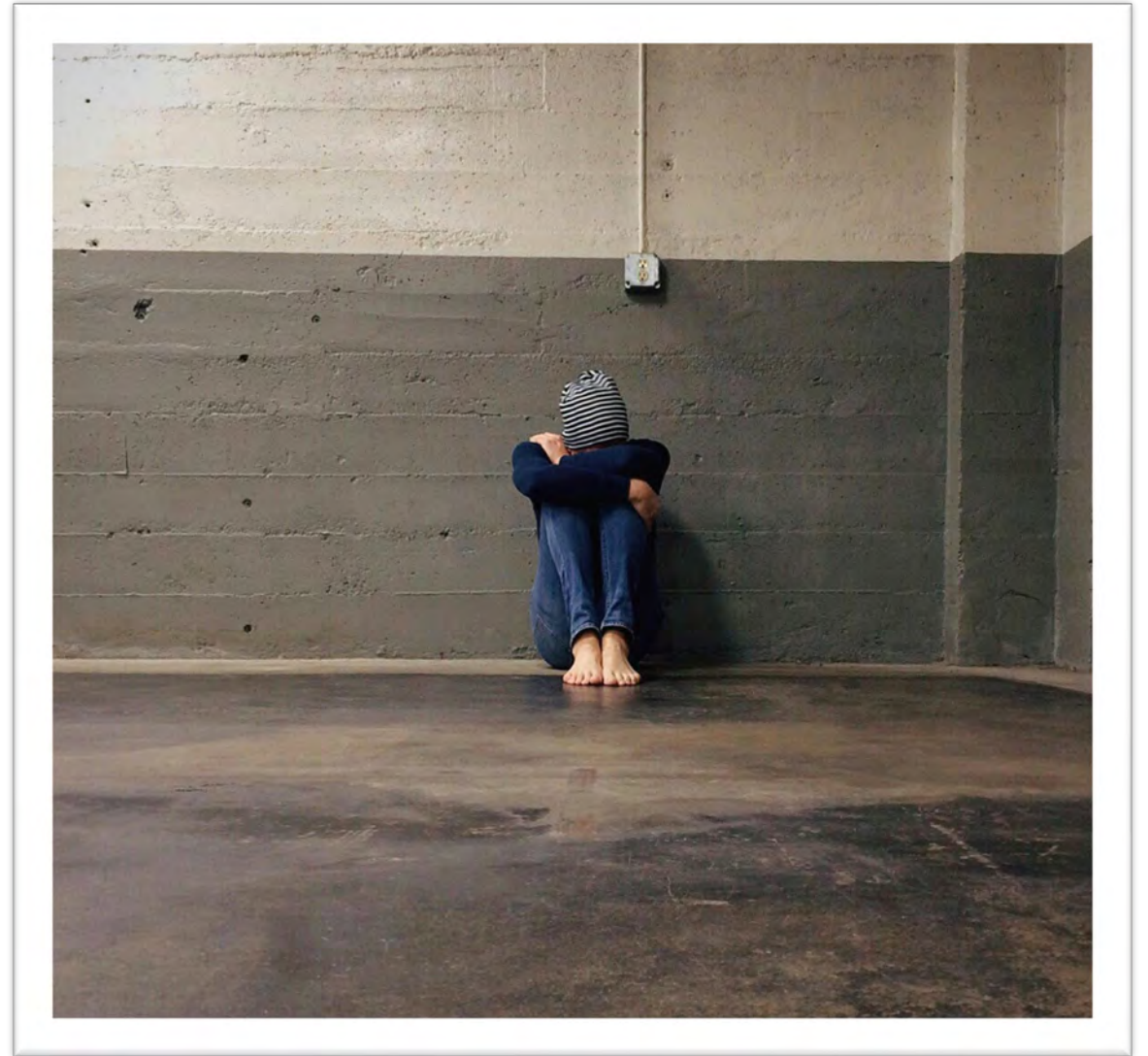


National Runaway Safeline



Portrait Of A Youth Who Has Run Away or is Experiencing Homelessness

Youth who have left home or are experiencing homelessness come from every kind of neighborhood. There is no one profile, rich or poor, rural or urban, two parent or one parent household.





About 4.2 million young people ages 13 to 25 experience homelessness every year



National Stats:



1 in 10 young people
ages 18 to 25 and 1
in 30 youth ages 13
to 17 will
experience
homelessness in a
given year.



150,000 youth
experienced
homelessness on a
single night in
January 2024

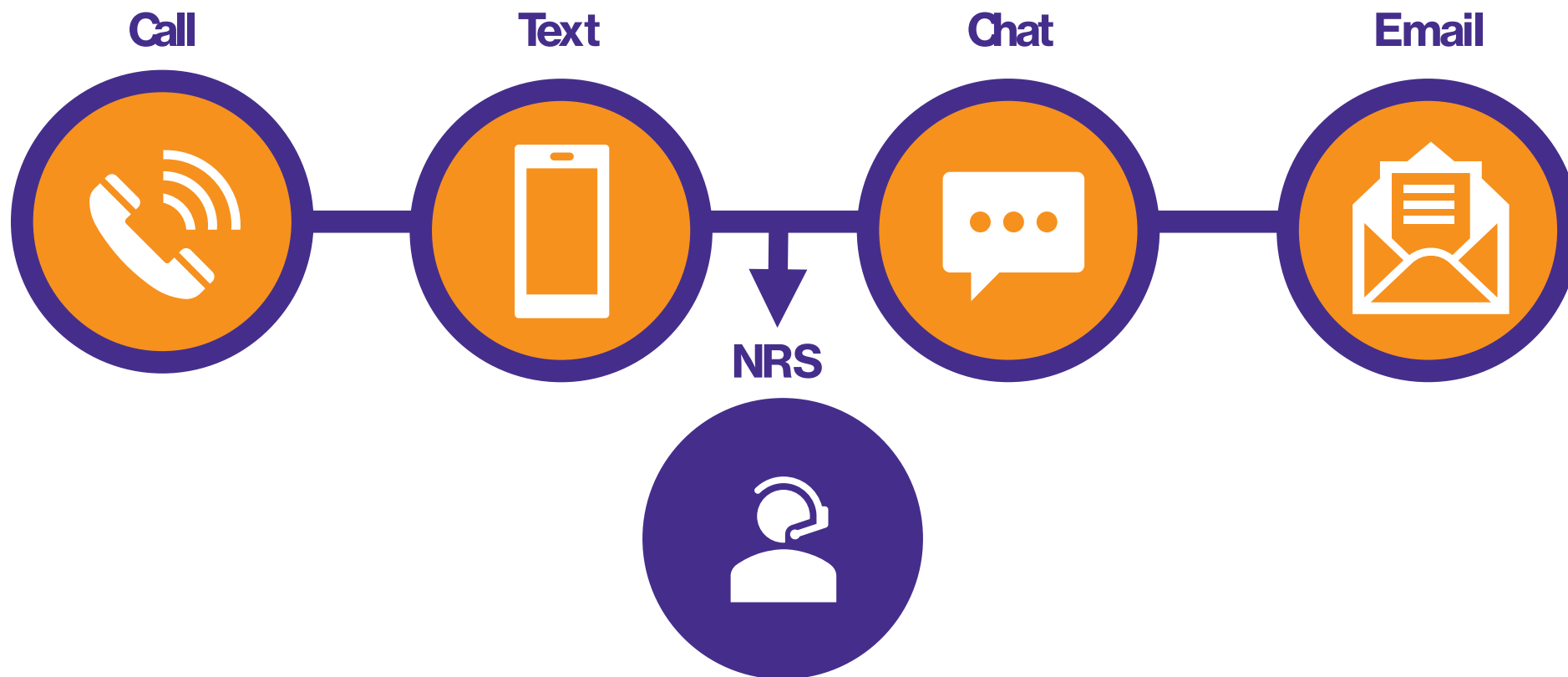


10% increase
in unaccompanied
youth
from 2023 to 2024



24% / 27% youth
exchanged sex for
money / place to
stay

Access Services: Contact NRS



We have access to 6200 Resources and the FYSB system of Care is uploaded into our Resource Database



Federal Response: Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act



NRS Overview and Purpose

The mission of the **National Runaway Safeline (NRS)** is to keep America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referrels
- Conference Calls
- Message Service
- Let's Talk Curriculum
- Home Free Program
- Prevention and Educational Materials

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Crisis Intervention

NRS operates 3 crisis services lines:

- 1800RUNAWAY.org:
1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)
- Illinois Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services (CCBYS):
1-877-870-2663
- MOCA, Teen Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-888-504-MOCA (6622)





Home Free Program





Home Free Program



Transports runaway or stranded youth up to the age of 21 back home or to a safe alternative living arrangement



Partnership with Greyhound



National Program



20 Tickets Issued in California



Home Free Program – How it Works

1. Youth or advocate contacts NRS (1-800-RUNAWAY or 1800RUNAWAY.org also must speak to the youth directly).
2. NRS conducts eligibility screening and safety planning.
3. Conference call with youth and receiving adult confirms arrangements.
4. Free Greyhound ticket issued.
5. NRS follows up to confirm safe arrival.

Home Free Program – Why it Matters



Removes the financial barrier to reunification.



Supports safe travel from crisis to stability.



Builds connections with caring adults and services.



Prevents further victimization or unsafe street exposure.

Home Free Program – Impact

- Last fiscal year a total of 543 tickets were issues nationwide
- Real Life Examples:
- **Ticket Issued: January 25, 2025**
A 21-year-old male reported being asked to leave his father's home and was temporarily residing in a hotel due to his sexual orientation. NRS staff identified his mother as a positive support and facilitated mediation between the youth and his mother. Through this process, the youth was able to secure a safe and stable living arrangement at his mother's home, confirm his safe arrival, and reengage with essential services.
- **Ticket Issued: March 14, 2025**
A 21-year-old transgender youth contacted NRS after being forced to leave their mother's home upon disclosing their gender identity. At the time, the youth was residing in a homeless shelter. NRS staff worked collaboratively with the youth to identify a stepbrother as a supportive and affirming family member. The youth was successfully reunited with their stepbrother and confirmed a long-term, stable living arrangement.

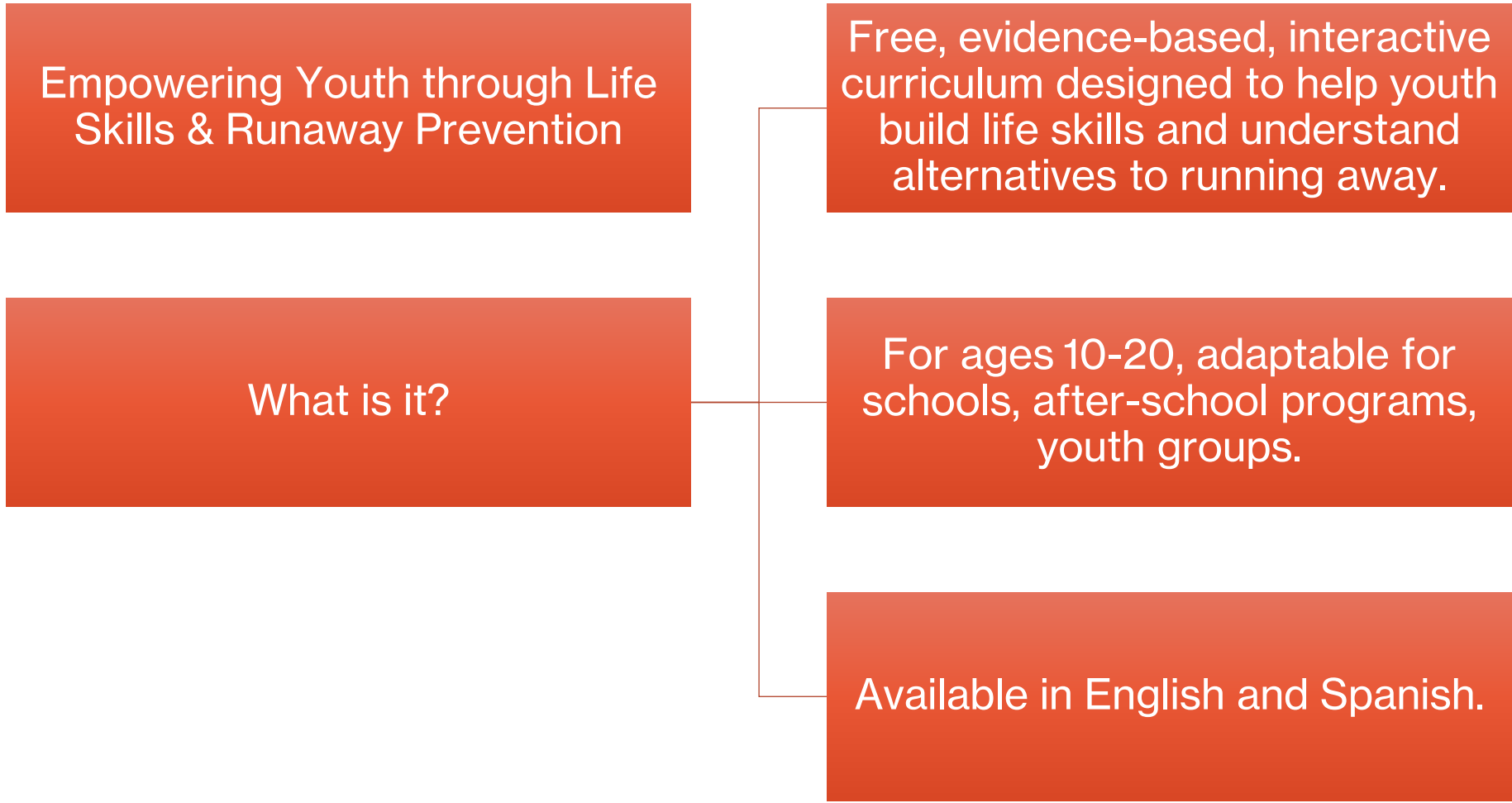


Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum



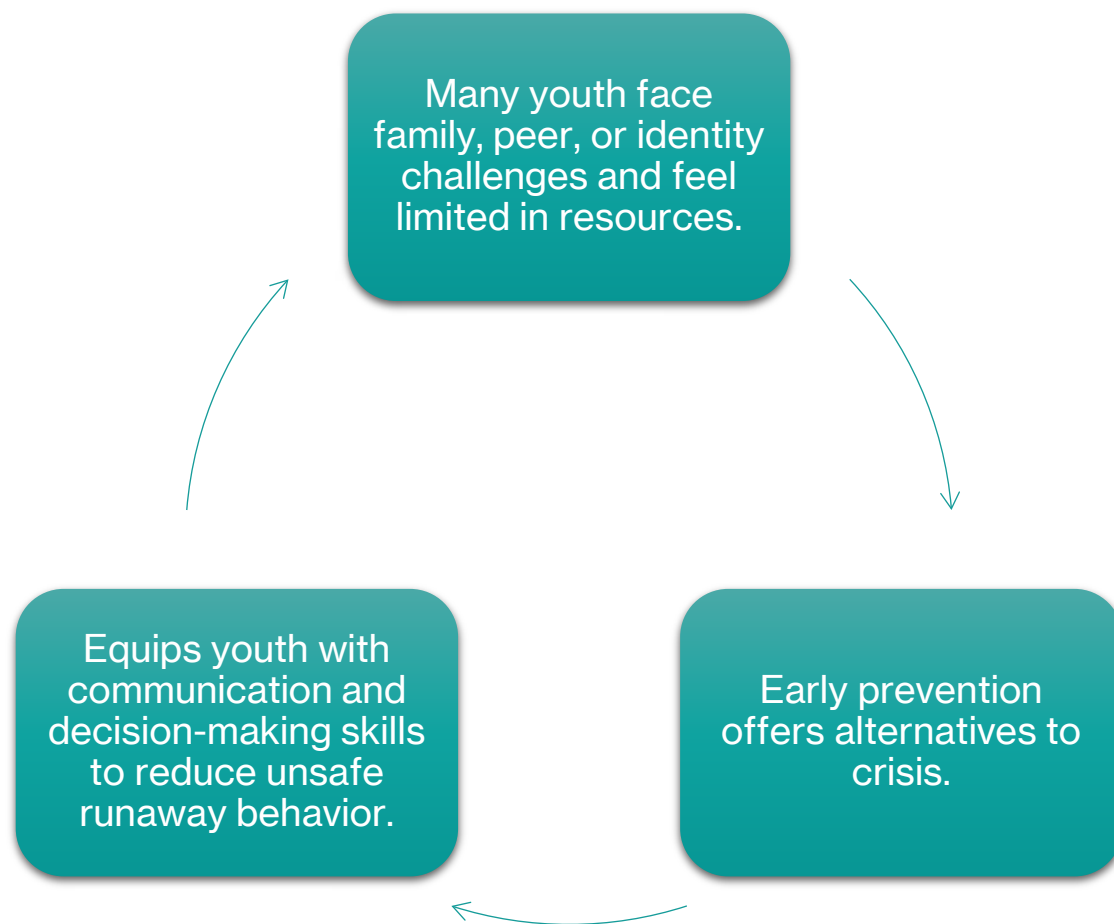


Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum





Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum – Why it Matters





Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum – Structure

14–16 flexible modules: use individually or as a complete series.

Each includes facilitator guide, worksheets, and assessments.

User-friendly and adaptable to many environments.

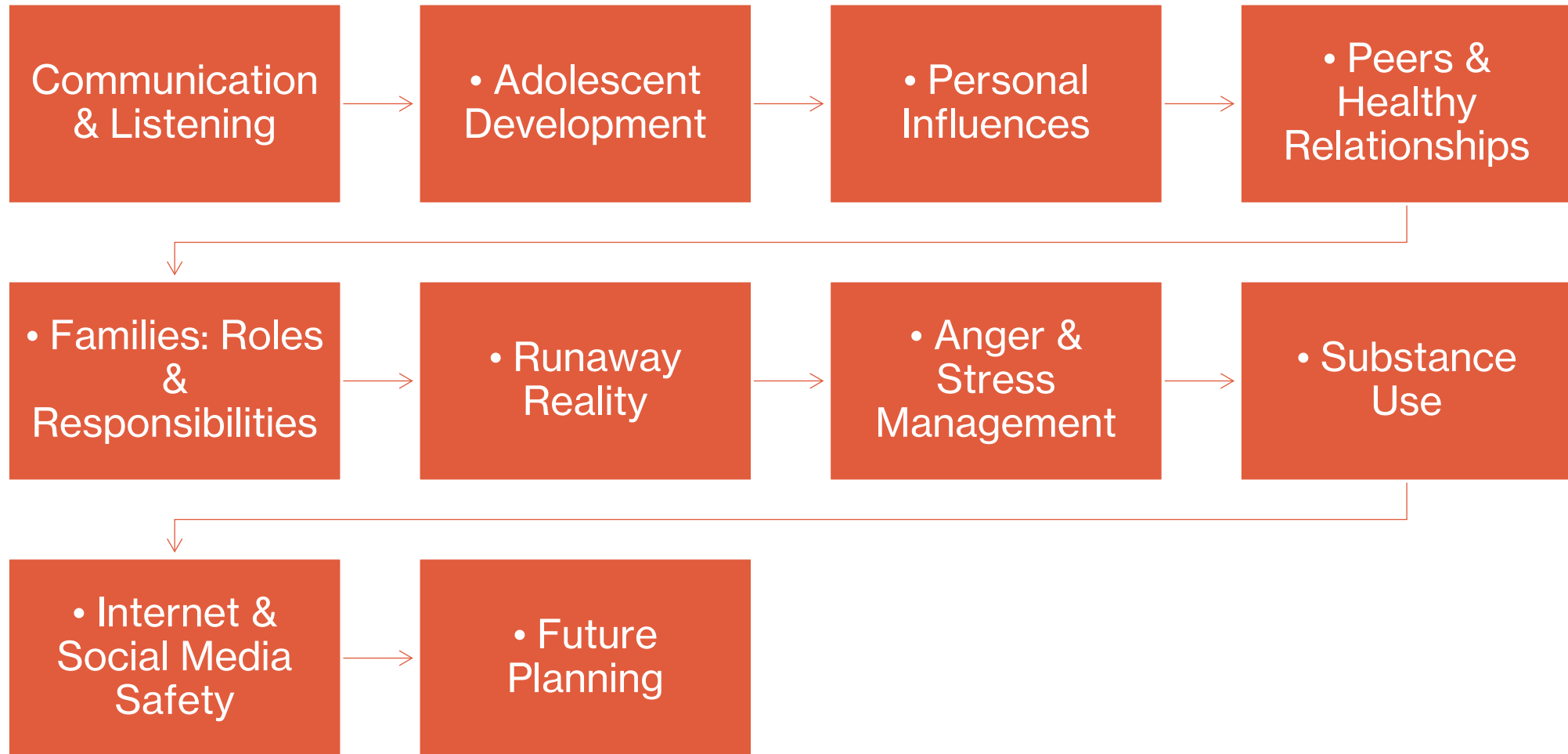
Ideal group size: 10-15 youth; ~45 min per module.

Works in schools, shelters, after-school, and community programs.

No strict prerequisites for facilitators.



Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum – Modules





Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum – Where to get it



Download from 1800RUNAWAY.org under Prevention & Education.



Each module available as a PDF.



Facilitator webinars support implementation.



Integrates easily into existing youth programs.



Let's Talk Runaway Prevention Curriculum – Key Takeaways

Teaches communication, resilience, and awareness.



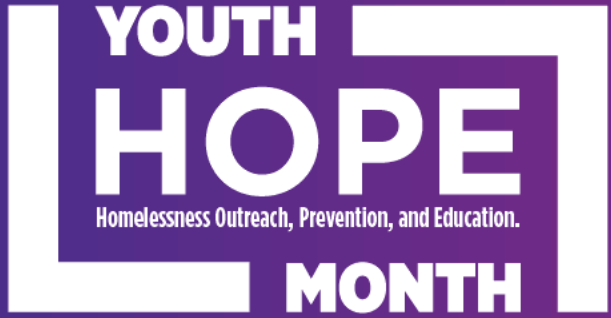
Flexible and adaptable for youth programs.



Promotes prevention and early support.



Strengthens youth–adult connections and community resources.



Youth HOPE Month – What is it and why does it matter?

November is designated as Youth HOPE Month – a campaign to shine a light on youth homelessness, outreach, prevention and education.

The name “HOPE” stands for Homelessness • Outreach • Prevention • Education.

Each year an estimated 4.2 million youth ages 13-25 experience some form of homelessness in the United States.

Youth homelessness is rarely just a matter of “running away”: causes are often complex such as family conflict, abuse, discrimination, poverty, foster-care gaps, and housing instability.

Youth who experience homelessness or housing instability are at higher risk of physical health issues, mental-health challenges, exploitation, trauma, and poorer long-term outcomes.

Youth HOPE Month – How To Get Involved & Take Action



Organizations and individuals can register as Youth HOPE Month Partners, use toolkits and campaign materials to raise awareness.



Use social media and local events: for example, Wear Green Day (in recent years it's been held November 13) to show support and visibility.



Host community activities: outreach walks, resource fairs, light projections, educational webinars, volunteer drives.

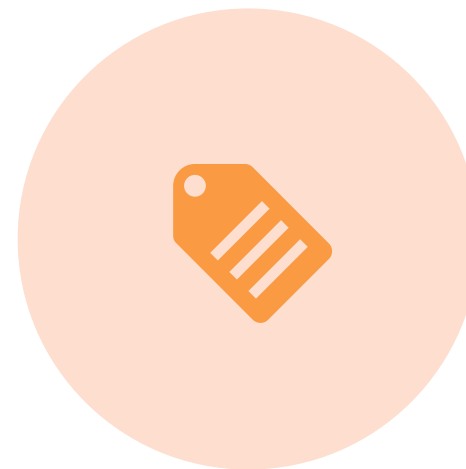


Connect youth and families to resources: hotlines (e.g., 1-800-RUNAWAY), local shelters/outreach programs, educational supports and housing assistance.

Youth HOPE Month – Social Media Campaign



TODAY IS WEAR GREEN DAY! –
TAG US IN A SOCIAL MEDIA
POST REPRESENTING YOUR
GREEN APPAREL!

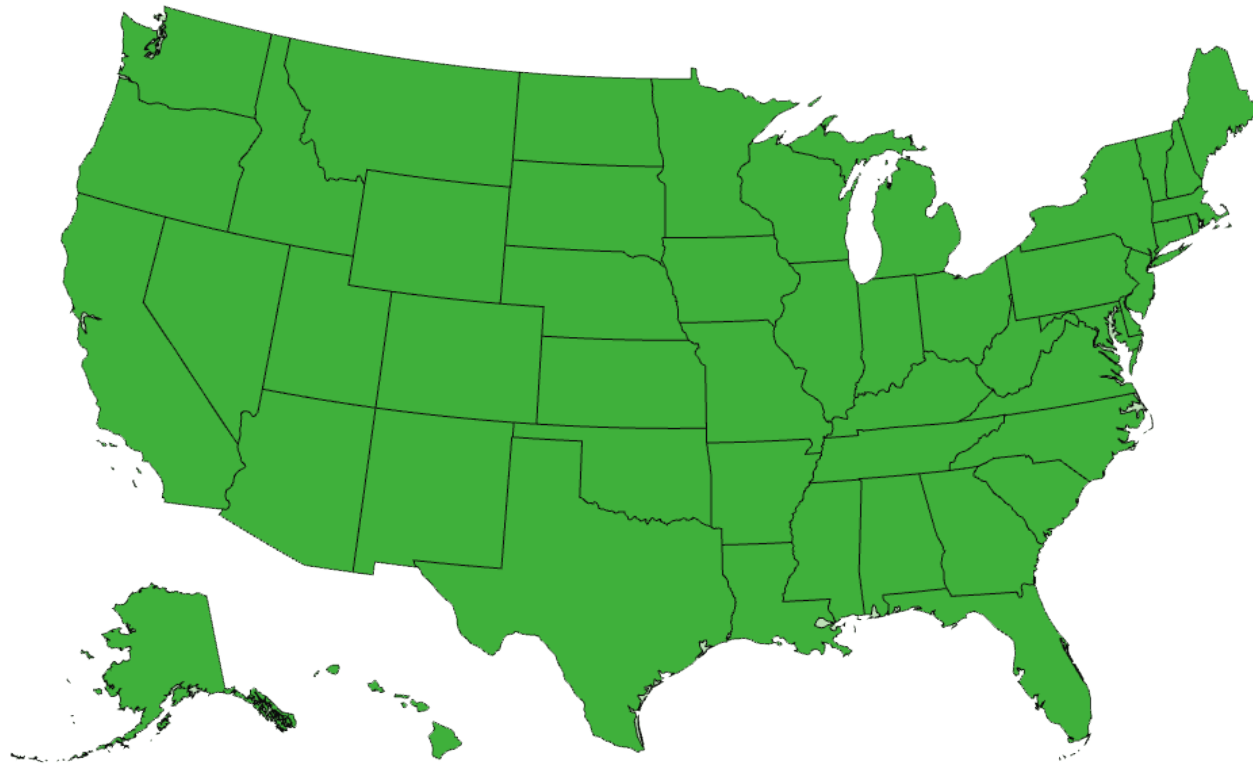


USE THE HASHTAGS
#WEARGREENDAY
#YOUTHHOPEMONTH
#YOUTHHOPEMONTH2025



1-800-RUNAWAY is 24/7 and Nationwide

2024 SNAPSHOT

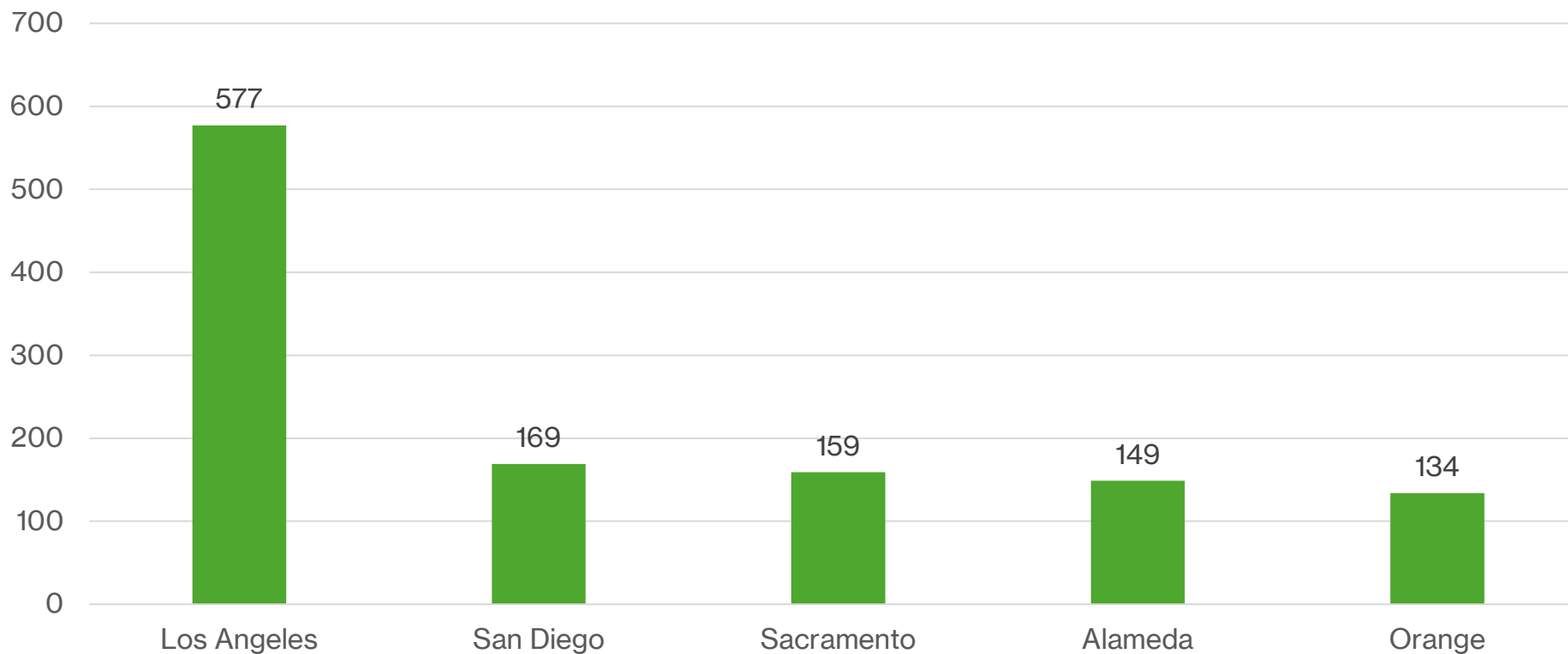


California Specific Stats 1/1/25-11/11/25

	Number #	Percentage
Hotline Crisis Contacts	790	45.6%
Live Chat Crisis Contacts	533	30.7%
Live Text Crisis Contacts	406	23.4%
Email Crisis Contacts	4	0.2%
Forum Crisis Contacts	1	0.2%
Total Crisis Contacts	<u>1,734</u>	<u>100%</u>

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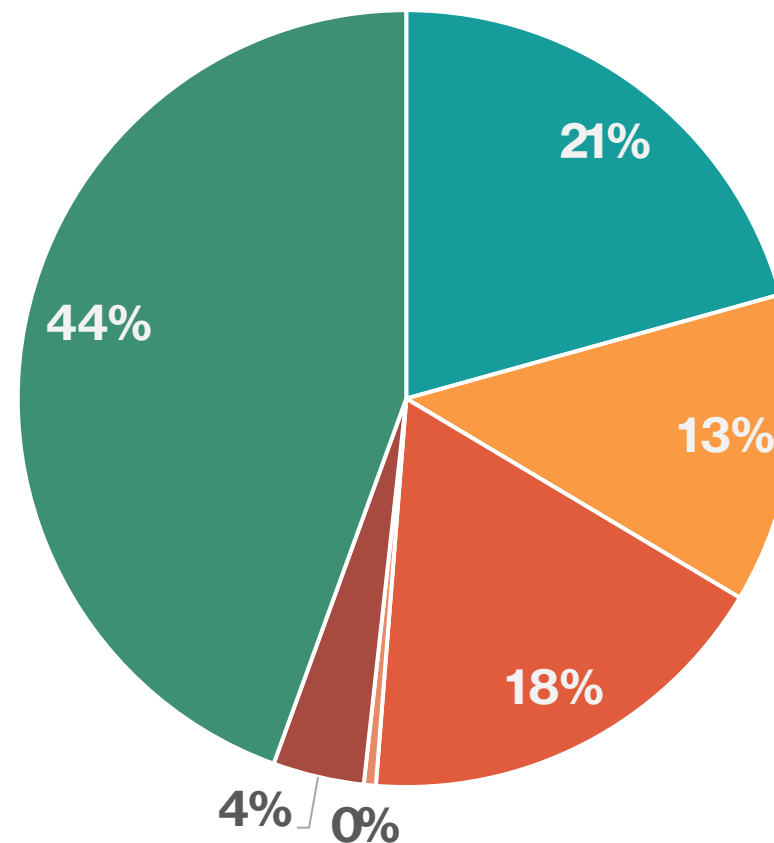
Top 5 Counties



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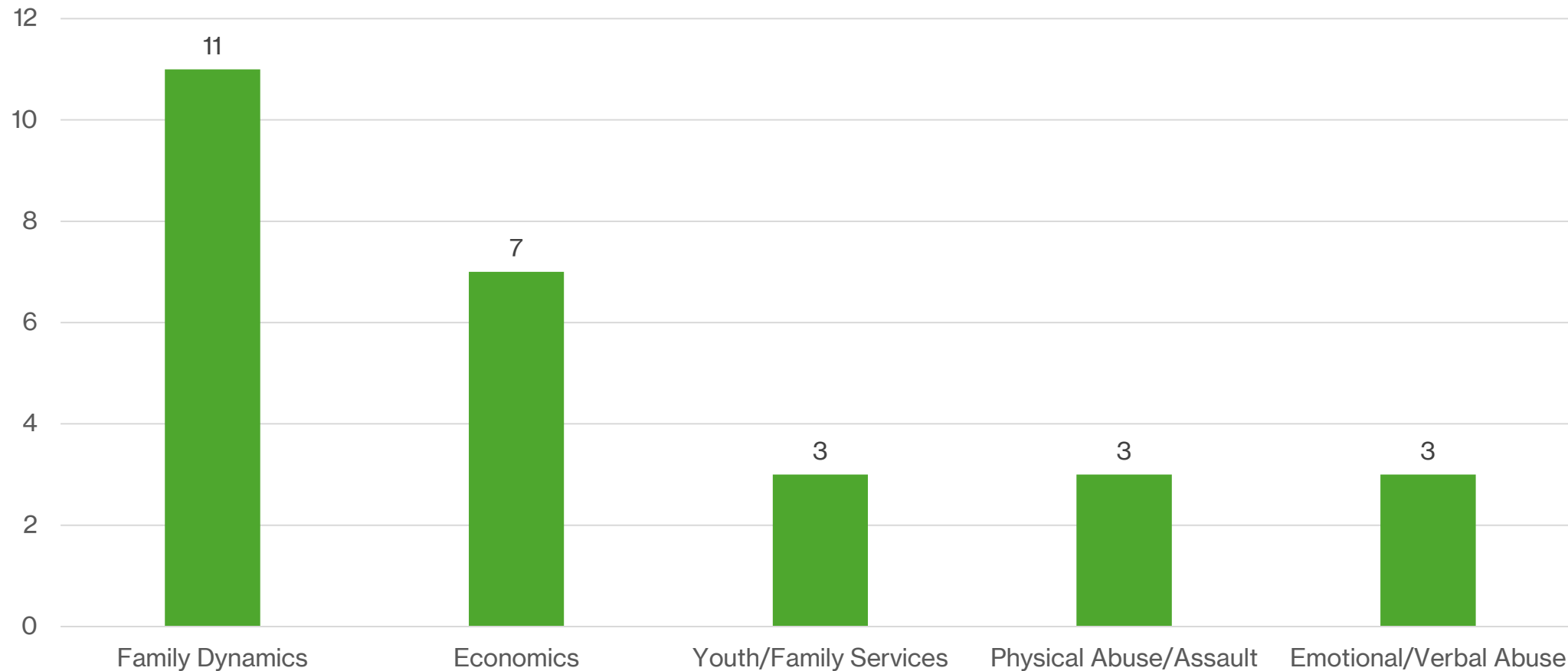
Youth Present Status

- Contemplating Running
- Homeless
- Runaway
- Suspected Missing
- Asked to Leave
- Youth in Crisis



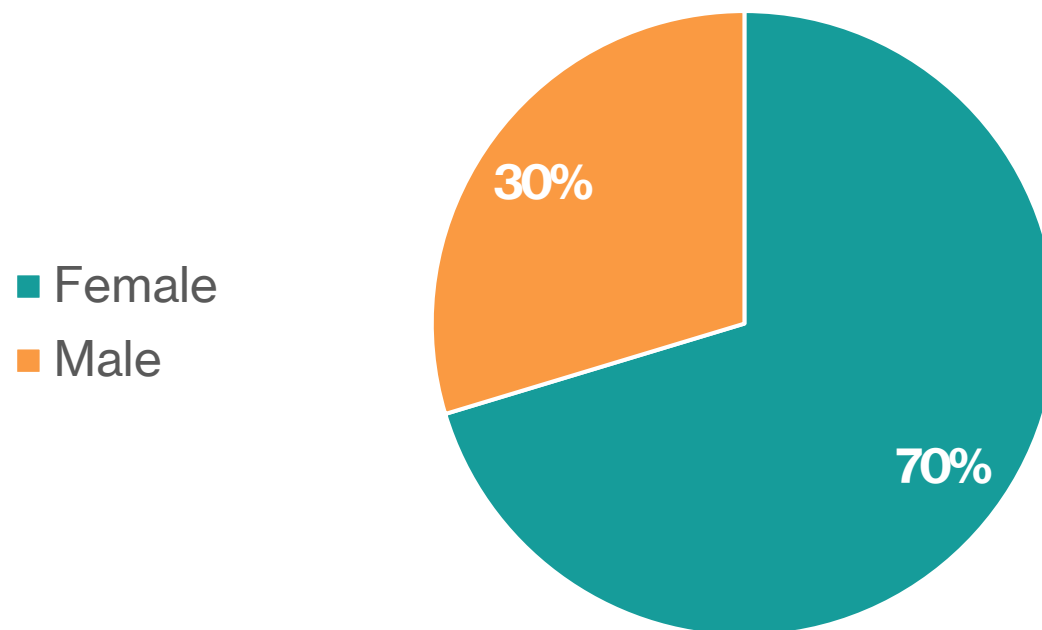
California Specific Stats 1/1/25-11/11/25

Top Five Issues Identified



California Specific Demographics 2025

Youth Sex



California Specific Demographics 2025

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	0.5%
Asian	44	3.3%
Black or African American	87	6.5%
Hispanic or Latino	179	13.4%
Multi-Racial	43	3.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	0.7%
White/Caucasian	165	12.4%
Unknown/Not Provided	798	59.9%
Total	1,332	100%

California Specific Demographics 2025

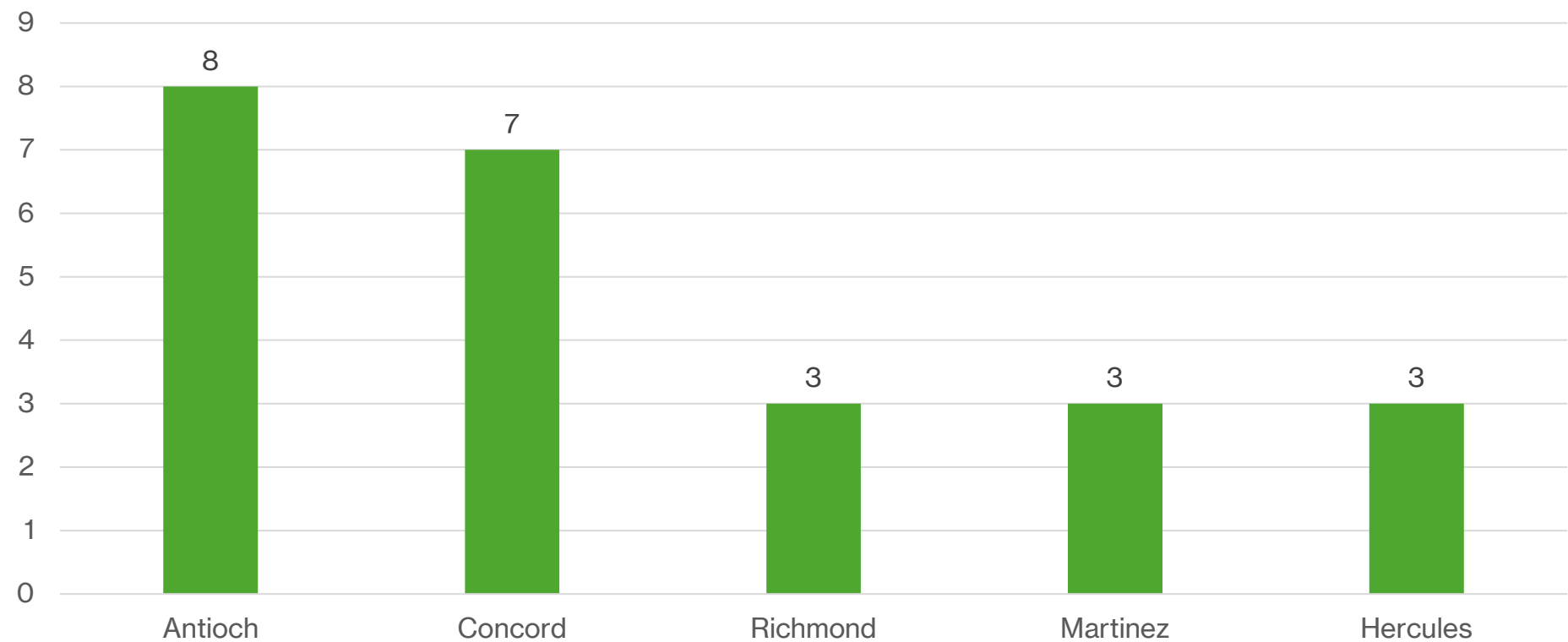
AGE GROUP	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Under 12	11	0.8%
12	32	2.2%
13	59	4.0%
14	63	4.3%
15	94	6.4%
16	163	11.1%
17	225	15.4%
18	115	7.9%
19	90	6.1%
20	51	3.5%
21	60	4.1%
Adult Caller on behalf of Youth	345	23.6%
Unknown/Not Provided	157	10.7%
Total	1,465	100%

Contra Costa Specific Stats 1/1/25-11/11/25

	Number #	Percentage
Hotline Crisis Contacts	17	35.4%
Live Chat Crisis Contacts	21	43.8%
Live Text Crisis Contacts	10	20.8%
Email Crisis Contacts	0	0.0%
Forum Crisis Contacts	0	0.0%
Total Crisis Contacts	<u>48</u>	<u>100%</u>

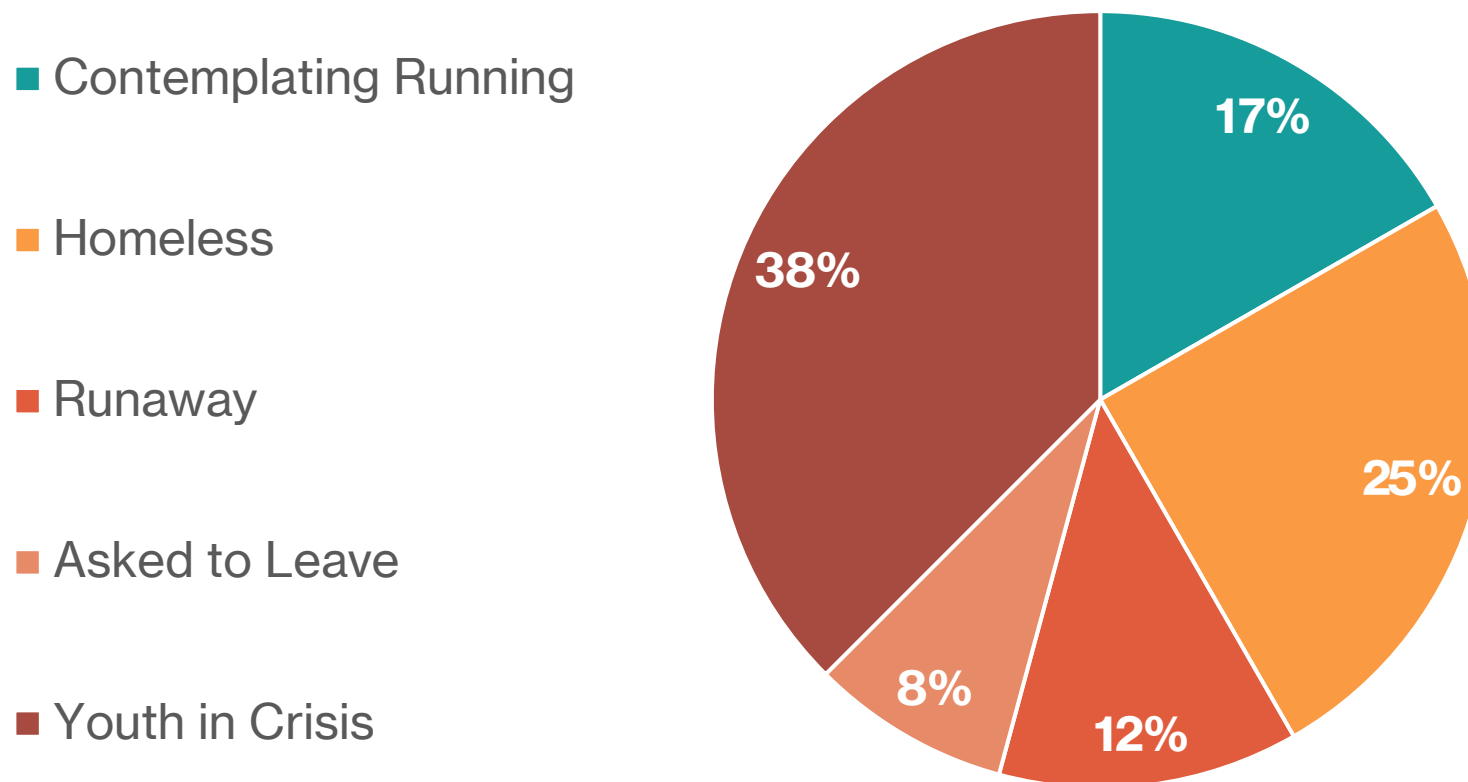
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Top 5 Cities



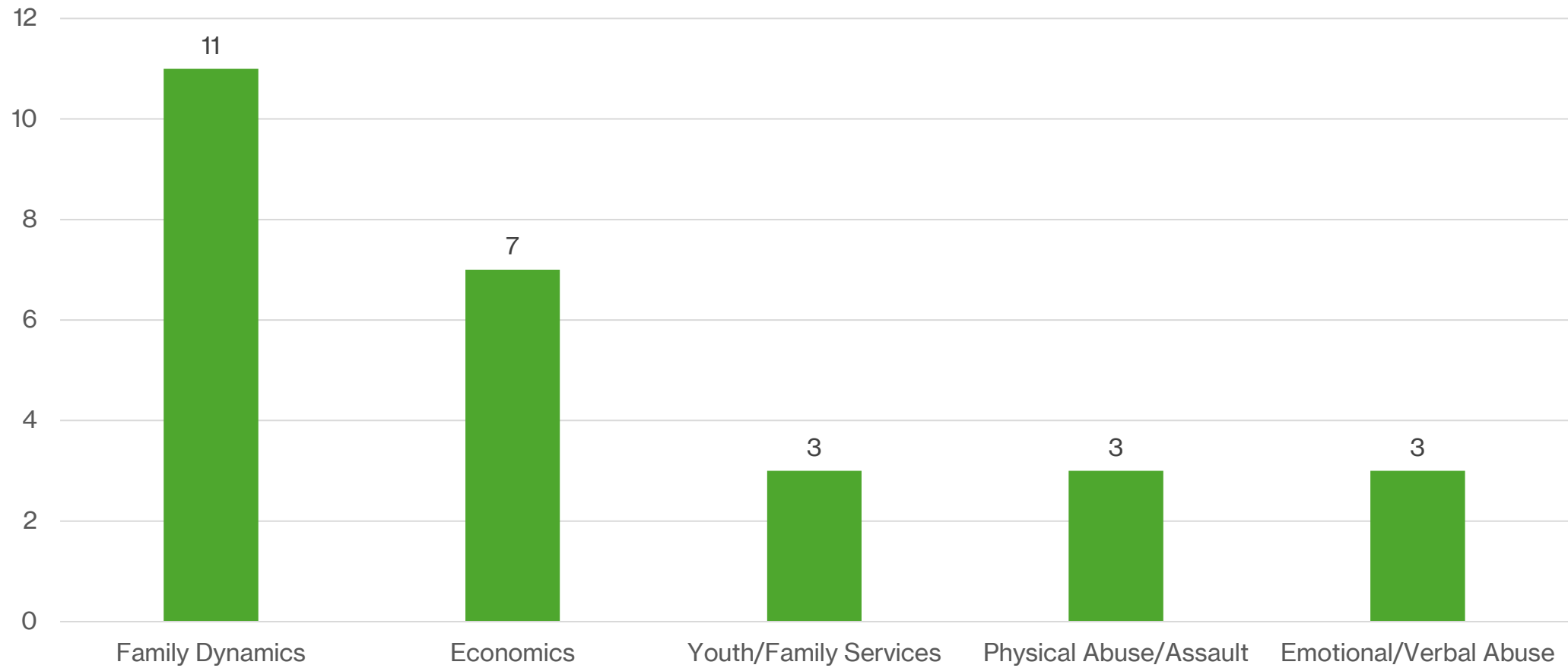
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Youth Present Status



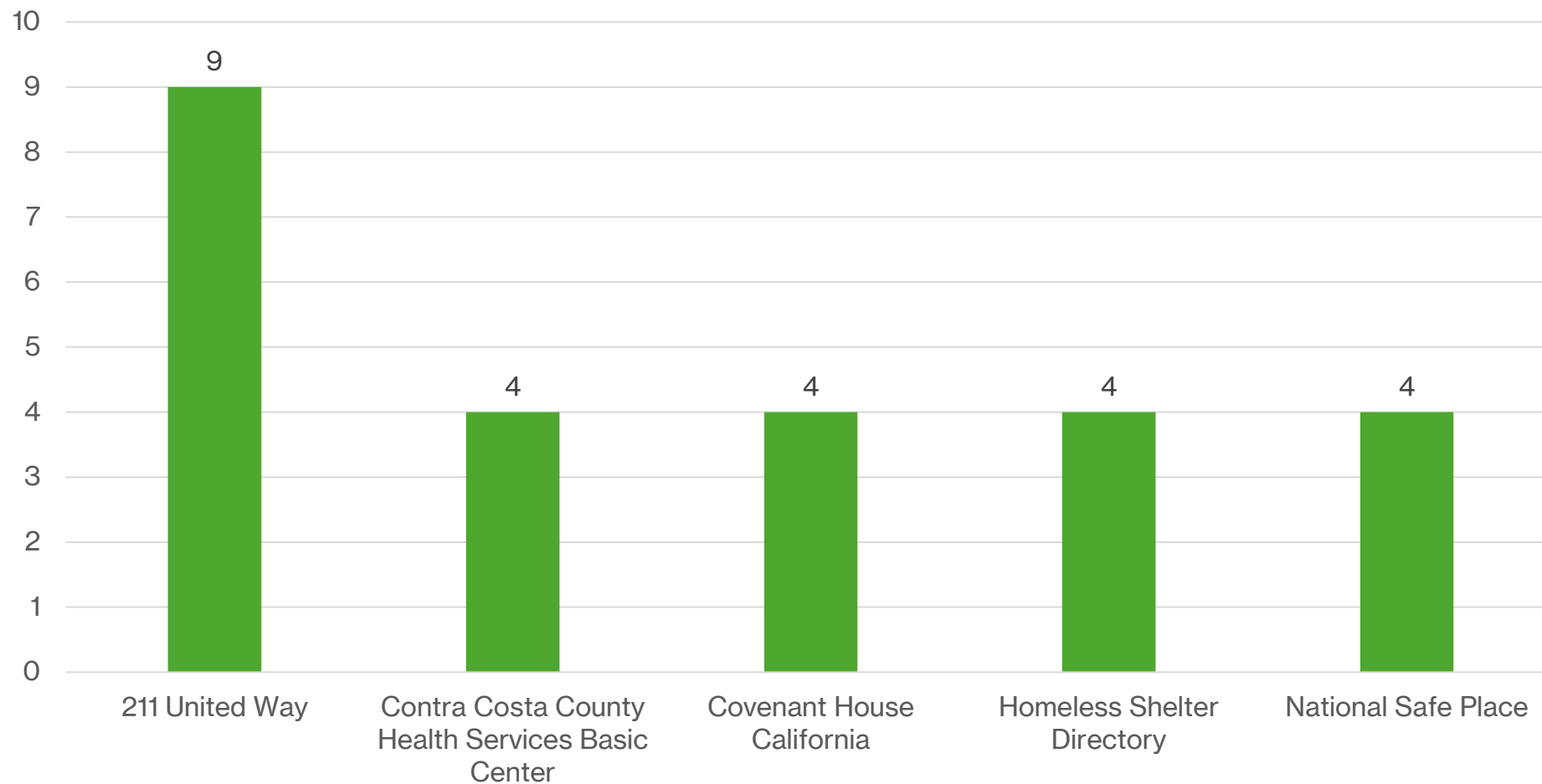
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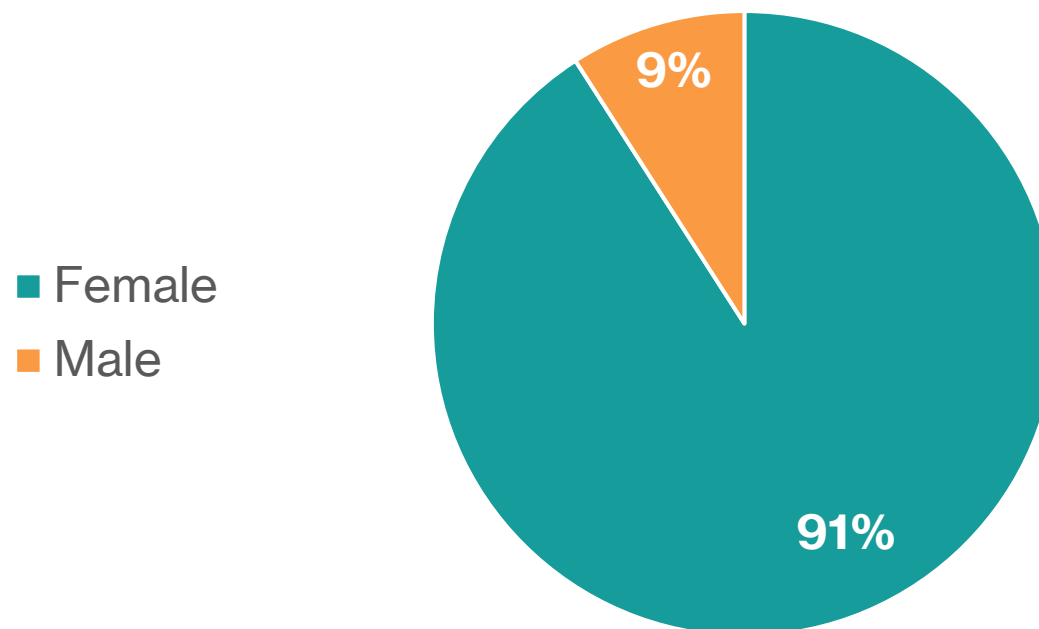
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Top 5 Given Resources



Contra Costa Specific Demographics 2025

Youth Sex



Contra Costa Specific Demographics 2025

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Black or African American	2	8.3%
Hispanic or Latino	3	12.5%
Multi-Racial	1	4.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
White/Caucasian	3	12.5%
Unknown/Not Provided	15	62.5%
Total	24	100%

Contra Costa Specific Demographics 2025

AGE GROUP	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Under 12	0	0.0%
12	0	0.0%
13	2	7.7%
14	3	11.5%
15	0	0.0%
16	5	19.2%
17	5	19.2%
18	0	0.0%
19	1	3.9%
20	0	0.0%
21	1	3.9%
Adult Caller on behalf of Youth	7	26.9%
Unknown/Not Provided	2	7.7%
Total	26	100%