



## WALKING ALONGSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE

*Acknowledging and Honoring their Individual Journeys*

### ABOUT US

StreetWorks, a program of Lutheran Social Service of MN, is a collaborative of youth-serving nonprofits that have provided street-based outreach to youth experiencing homelessness in the Metro area since 1994. We are the largest outreach collaborative in Minnesota serving homeless youth.

Our collaborative model has proven to be an effective way to conduct coordinated outreach across a broad metro area. By combining our efforts, outreach workers provide young people (ages 13-24) with connections and needed resources such as housing, case management, counseling, life skills training, food, family reunification and safety planning, emergency shelter, and other basic necessities.

SWC provides a coordinated intervention to meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and to interrupt exploitation by providing valuable resources, connection to services, and regular interaction with a trustworthy adult.

**MISSION /** The mission of the StreetWorks Collaborative is to foster a diverse collaboration of youth, communities, and youth-serving agencies that coordinate effective and impactful street-based, site-based, and school-based outreach programs.

**PURPOSE /** Through partnering with member agencies and other youth-serving entities, StreetWorks strives to increase access to resources and opportunities for homeless and at-risk youth, and ensure that programs and services are based on best practices. Our primary purpose is to walk alongside young people who are often invisible in the system, meeting them where they are and acknowledging and honoring their individual journey.

**WE BELIEVE /** As a collaborative, StreetWorks believes that youth are resilient, full of hope, dreams, and potential—having the ability to succeed in life despite their histories of abuse, exploitation, neglect, and/or abandonment.

### SERVICES

*(for youth ages 13-24)*

For the most current Outreach Worker schedules see [ysnmn.org](http://ysnmn.org)

- Hygiene supplies
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Permanent housing
- Life skills training
- Education & job programs
- Meals/clothing
- Chemical & mental health programs
- Medical and dental clinics
- Drop-in centers
- Advocacy & counseling



## SAFE HARBOR / NO WRONG DOOR

Per the MN Department of Health and Minnesota law, Minor Commercial Sexual Exploitation occurs when someone under the age of 18 engages in commercial sexual activity. A commercial sexual activity occurs when anything of value or a promise of anything of value (e.g., money, drugs, food, shelter, rent, or higher status in a gang or group) is given to a person by any means in exchange for any type of sexual activity. A third party may or may not be involved.

In 2011, Minnesota passed the *Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth Act*, achieving two fundamental changes: first, prostituted youth are no longer considered delinquent but victims of sexual exploitation; and second, Minnesota was mandated to create a comprehensive, statewide framework for ensuring that sexually exploited children (and those at risk of sexual exploitation) receive victim-centered services.

The “*No Wrong Door Model: A Comprehensive Approach to Safe Harbor for Minnesota’s Sexually Exploited Youth*”, is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, and multi-state agency approach. It ensures communities across Minnesota have the knowledge, skills and resources to effectively identify sexually exploited and at-risk youth. Youth are provided with victim-centered trauma-informed services and safe housing.

StreetWorks was awarded funds to develop and offer training opportunities on working with sexually exploited youth to outreach workers and other youth workers statewide. If you or someone you know is being sexually exploited or trafficked, please contact a Regional Navigator in your area, or the Day One Hotline to learn more about services available in your community at 1-866-223-1111.

## MEMBER & PARTNER AGENCIES

StreetWorks has many diverse members and partners that work collaboratively to develop best practices, participate in various training opportunities, attend monthly informational meetings, and coordinate geographic outreach areas and schedules to ensure the most consistent services for youth. Membership is open to all youth-serving agencies throughout the metro (and beyond).

Lutheran Social Service of MN  
501 Asbury Street  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
651-644-7739

Pillsbury House – Full Cycle Program  
3515 Chicago Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612-824-7581

Ain Dah Yung Center  
1089 Portland Ave,  
Saint Paul, MN 55104  
651-227-4184

Face to Face – SafeZone  
130 East 7th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
651-224-9644

Oasis for Youth  
2200 W. Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
952-512-2061

Booth Brown House –  
Salvation Army  
1471 Como Ave. W.  
St. Paul, MN 55108  
651-646-2601

The Link C.O.R.E. Drop-In  
7800 County Road 42  
Apple Valley, MN 55124  
612-227-802

Move Fwd  
1001 MN-7 #237  
Hopkins, MN 55305  
952-988-8336

The Bridge for Youth  
1111 West 22nd Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55405  
612-377-8800

YMCA Youth Intervention Services  
2304 Jackson Street NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
763-493-3052

Hope Street – Catholic Charities  
1121 46th Street E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612-204-8211  
Referrals to the program, call:  
612-204-8226

Youth Link  
41 North 12th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
612-252-1200

Avenues  
1708 Oak Park Avenue  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
612-522-1690

Hope4Youth  
2665 N 4th Ave #40  
Anoka, MN 55303  
763-323-2066

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**LOCATIONS:** StreetWorks outreach workers currently work in Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Scott, Carver, Washington and Dakota counties of Minnesota.



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