



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD COMES BACK FROM BEING MISSING OR ON THE RUN ?

1. Try showing your concern in a positive way even though you may feel angry and hurt. National Runaway Safeline at 1-800-RUNAWAY can help you with this if you don't have other people to talk to.
2. Give your child a chance to eat and rest.
3. Contact your care coordinator right away. Depending on your plan, you can talk about who to call (police, Center for Missing and Exploited Children, child welfare, probation, the courts, etc) and what to do.
4. If you think your child may have been harmed or hurt in any way, talk with your care coordinator right away and talk about where to take them for a medical exam.
5. Ask for an emergency team meeting. Talk about what could have been done differently and what worked well and what did not. Talk about what needs to change and who and what will help your child stay safe and in one place. . Make a "just in case there is a next time plan".
6. Know that you and your child may need to go to a court hearing with your care coordinator to present your plan to the judge.
7. Offer your child a chance to be a part of the support group for youth who have runaway.

