

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY CHILD GOES MISSING OR RUNS AWAY...

Wraparound Milwaukee and your team are very concerned when your son or daughter goes missing and will make every effort to find your child and make sure they are safe. We need your input and we need you to stay in communication with us during these difficult times.

- If your son or daughter goes missing from your home, please:

\_\_\_\_\_ Refer to the INFORMATION NEEDED FOR YOUTH WITH A RUNAWAY HISTORY OR FOR YOUTH WHO ARE MISSING sheet and file a MISSING PERSONS REPORT with local law enforcement. Note: *FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM ESTABLISHING A WAITING PERIOD BEFORE ACCEPTING A MISSING CHILD REPORT. FEDERAL LAW APPLIES TO YOUTH UP TO 20 YEARS OLD UNDER "SUZANNE'S LAW".* Let your care coordinator know if you need assistance with this.

\_\_\_\_\_ Notify your Care Coordinator right away and talk about who will let other team members know. If your child is on a court order, the court may issue a CAPIAS, which means the police may pick up your child if they find him/her and take them to Detention.

\_\_\_\_\_ Look at the Crisis Plan from your child's Plan of Care to see if there are other things you and your team could do that you talked about.

\_\_\_\_\_ Call the National Runaway Safeline at 1-800-RUNAWAY for extra support.

\_\_\_\_\_ Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THELOST (843-5678) once a missing persons report has been filed with the police.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ask for an emergency team meeting so your team can talk about what to do when your child is found. Your Care Coordinator needs a plan from your team so that your child may not have to go to Detention if they were not involved in any dangerous or illegal activities while they were missing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Let your Care Coordinator know right away if you talk to your child while they are missing or if you think you may know where they are.

- If your son or daughter goes missing from an out of home placement please:

\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure the placement lets you know as soon as your child goes missing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure they have filed a MISSING PERSONS REPORT with local law enforcement in the town or city that placement is located in. If they haven't, encourage them to do so. Your Care Coordinator can help you with this.

\_\_\_\_\_ Notify your Care Coordinator right away and talk about who will notify other team members. If your child is on a court order, the court may issue a CAPIAS which means the police may pick up your child if they find him/her and take them to Children's Court and Detention.

\_\_\_\_\_ Refer to your Crisis Plan from your child's Plan of Care to see if there are other things you and your team discussed that should be happening.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact the National Runaway Safeline at 1-800-RUNAWAY for extra support and guidance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THELOST (843-5678) once a missing persons report has been filed with the police.

\_\_\_\_\_ Request an emergency team meeting so your team can discuss what to do when your child is found. The team needs to make a plan so that your child may not have to go to Detention if they were not involved in any dangerous or illegal activities while they were missing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Let your Care Coordinator know right away if you talk to your child while they are missing or if you think you may know where they are.