



2025 ANNUAL REPORT
Navigating New Horizons
Ensuring Youth Safety in Times of Crisis



Community



Action



Impact

STEADY LEADERSHIP. CHANGING HORIZONS.

For more than 40 years, National Safe Place Network (NSPN) has served as a steadfast presence for youth and the organizations supporting them. Our history is rich with stories of resilience, adaptation, and shared purpose. NSPN's guiding belief, "Together We Can," remains the backbone of our mission and empowers us to navigate ever-changing horizons, challenges, and opportunities as we serve young people in crisis and the youth-serving organizations on which they rely.

This year again asked NSPN to chart unfamiliar territory with the introduction of significant federal funding changes in Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs. Delayed funding announcements, new guidelines, and a shortened two-week turnaround created an extraordinary challenge for organizations already struggling with capacity. In response, NSPN mobilized its team and resources to provide the grant support members and licensed agencies have come to rely on, while simultaneously adjusting elements of NSPN's biennial Focus conference to ensure emerging needs were met. NSPN continues to operate with strong governance, national partnerships, and fiscal accountability to ensure resources are directed where youth need them most.

At Focus 2025, sessions were restructured, support hours extended, and energy redirected to ensure partners had the information, guidance, and tools necessary to secure essential funding. Ninety percent of organizations utilizing NSPN's grant support and recommendations were funded. NSPN also continued offering vital trainings—including the Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI), GrantED 101, and customized organizational support—while expanding the Network through partnerships with TAT and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and providing trainings for federal project officers. This shared work allowed us to navigate even the most unfamiliar terrain with the trusted support and expertise agencies expect and deserve.

As NSPN looks across the landscape facing young people today, we recognize horizons are constantly shifting, sometimes expanding with opportunity, sometimes clouded by crisis. NSPN continues meeting these evolving needs through longstanding programs like Safe Place® and TXT 4 HELP, which offer immediate access to safety and trusted support nationwide. Thousands of young people were counseled by phone or helped on site through Safe Place in 2025. Additionally, TXT 4 HELP numbers continue to increase, topping out with over 30,000 texts in the last year. NSPN has continued to broaden our reach through Operation Angel Summit and our new partnership with the United States Secret Service and Kentucky Office of the Attorney General. Together, we are equipping young people with essential information to protect themselves from exploitation, sextortion, and other emerging threats, ensuring they have the confidence and knowledge to navigate an increasingly complex world. The Summit model is structured for expansion, allowing NSPN to partner with additional states seeking coordinated, evidence-informed prevention strategies.

NSPN remains committed to ensuring that every young person in crisis has immediate access to compassionate mental health support and a pathway toward long-term stability. The journey through these new horizons is guided by the same steadfast commitment that has defined NSPN's work for more than 40 years — providing a safe path forward for youth and ensuring those who support them never walk alone.



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NATIONAL SAFE PLACE NETWORK FACT SHEET

MISSION

Ensuring an effective system of response for youth in crisis through public and private partnerships at a local, state, and national level.

VISION

National Safe Place Network envisions a world where all youth are safe.

SUPPORTER IMPACT

Your support strengthens a national safety net that:

- Ensures youth have immediate access to safe, designated locations
- Connects young people in crisis to professional intervention and care
- Expands community capacity to prevent exploitation and trafficking
- Strengthens cross-sector collaboration to improve outcomes nationwide

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Invest in youth safety and strengthen community response nationwide.

- Corporate Sponsorships: Align CSR goals with youth safety and community well-being
- Event Sponsorships: Support national convenings and collaborate to expand access, prevention, and response systems
- Partnerships: Collaborate to expand access, prevention, and response systems

OVERVIEW

National Safe Place Network (NSPN) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting youth in crisis and connecting them to immediate safety, support, and trusted professionals. For more than 40 years, NSPN has ensured that when a young person reaches out for help, a prepared and effective response is ready.

That response is made possible by strong, well-equipped communities. Through leadership, innovation, and public-private partnerships, NSPN strengthens youth-serving organizations nationwide — advancing training, collaboration, and coordinated prevention and crisis response efforts to improve outcomes for young people and reinforce the systems that keep them safe.

NATIONAL SAFETY NET FOR YOUTH

NSPN's programs work together to provide immediate access to safety while strengthening prevention efforts nationwide. Through visible community access points, 24/7 digital crisis response, leadership development, and prevention education, NSPN helps ensure young people can find help quickly — and communities are prepared to respond effectively.

Safe Place®, TXT 4 HELP, Operation Angel Summit, and NSPN Membership form one connected network of response and prevention — expanding access to safety, advancing professional expertise, and reinforcing support systems for youth across the country.



Safe Place® is NSPN's nationally recognized outreach and prevention program providing immediate help and safety for youth in crisis. Through licensed agencies and thousands of community partners — including schools, fire stations, libraries, businesses, and transit systems — youth can quickly access trained responders and supportive services.



TXT 4 HELP is NSPN's 24/7 nationwide text-based crisis service. Youth can text SAFE and their location to 4HELP (44357) to connect with a credentialed mental health professional and receive the nearest Safe Place location. This confidential, real-time connection expands access to safety — especially in communities without a physical Safe Place site.



Operation Angel Summit strengthens prevention efforts by addressing emerging threats such as online exploitation, sextortion, and trafficking. In partnership with the United States Secret Service and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General, NSPN equips youth, families, and communities with practical tools to reduce risk and increase safety.



NSPN Membership strengthens the organizations and professionals who serve youth. Through training, technical assistance, leadership development, and grant support, membership enhances agency capacity and builds confident, prepared teams nationwide.

*For Youth...Someplace To Go.
Someone To Help.*

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ABOUT SAFE PLACE

Safe Place is a nationally recognized youth outreach and prevention program providing immediate access to safety and supportive services for young people facing crisis. Through licensed agencies and thousands of community partners — including schools, fire stations, libraries, businesses, and transit systems — youth can quickly connect with trained responders and trusted professionals.

National Safe Place Network (NSPN) licenses and supports communities to operate Safe Place, ensuring youth up to age 18 (24 in some communities) have access to critical resources. Safe Place also includes TXT 4 HELP, a 24/7 text-based service connecting youth to credentialed mental health professionals and the nearest Safe Place location in real time.

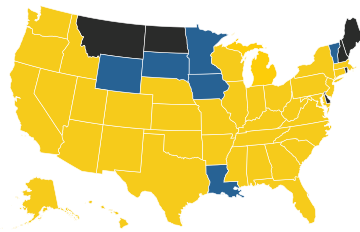
Safe Place reinforces a national safety net — ensuring every young person has someplace to go and someone to help.

IMMEDIATE ACCESS. LASTING IMPACT.

Safe Place connects youth to crisis intervention, mental health support, shelter, and long-term stability. By pairing visible community access points with digital tools and professional care, Safe Place ensures safety today while strengthening systems for tomorrow.

SAFE PLACE® PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF IMMEDIATE SAFETY



39 Safe Place States + DC

● States without Safe Place

1,675 Safe Place Communities

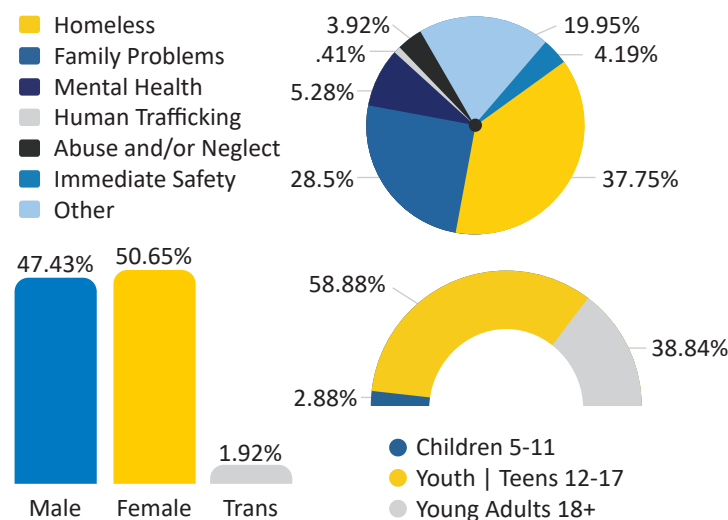
● Former Safe Place states

138 Licensed entities

9,282 Stationary Safe Place sites

10,357 Transit sites

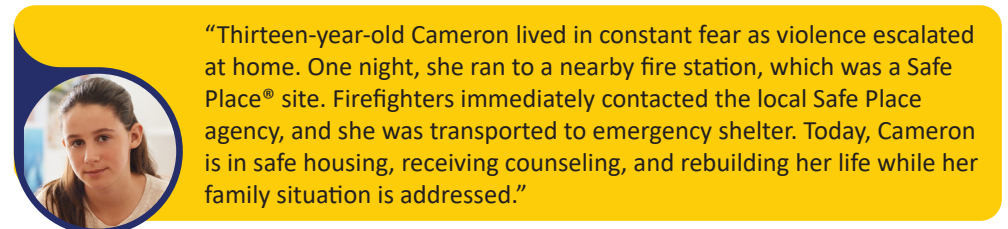
YOUTH REACHED. CRISIS INTERRUPTED.



CRISIS MET WITH COORDINATED RESPONSE



PROTECTION IN ACTION



"Thirteen-year-old Cameron lived in constant fear as violence escalated at home. One night, she ran to a nearby fire station, which was a Safe Place® site. Firefighters immediately contacted the local Safe Place agency, and she was transported to emergency shelter. Today, Cameron is in safe housing, receiving counseling, and rebuilding her life while her family situation is addressed."



OPERATION ANGEL SUMMIT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ABOUT OPERATION ANGEL SUMMIT

Operation Angel Summit is a strategic prevention initiative led by National Safe Place Network (NSPN) in formal partnership with the United States Secret Service and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.

The Summit convenes federal law enforcement, state leaders, educators, survivor advocates, and community partners to address the growing dangers youth face online — including sextortion, exploitation, trafficking, and digital coercion. Through candid, age-appropriate engagement, young people gain practical strategies to recognize manipulation, avoid unsafe situations, and report victimization.

Survivor-informed education and coordinated response are central to the model, ensuring youth are not only informed — but connected to trusted adults and immediate support when disclosures occur.

PREVENTION IN ACTION. PROTECTION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP.

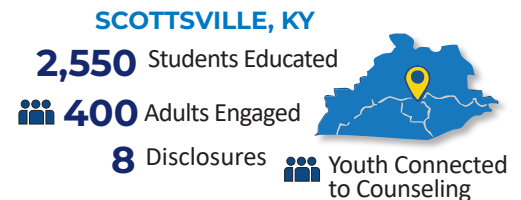
Operation Angel Summit strengthens communities by increasing awareness, encouraging early reporting, and improving coordination among schools, law enforcement, and youth-serving agencies. By surfacing hidden victimization and connecting youth to trusted adults, the Summit reinforces local safety networks and builds long-term community resilience.

OPERATION ANGEL SUMMIT DELIVERS IMMEDIATE IMPACT

4,150 YOUTH EDUCATED. **11** DISCLOSURES.
400+ YOUTH CONNECTED TO SUPPORT.



2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT



WHY THIS MATTERS

Education creates awareness.
Awareness creates disclosure.
Disclosure creates protection.

Operation Angel Summit moves prevention from theory to action — surfacing hidden victimization, increasing reporting, and activating coordinated response systems that protect youth before harm escalates.

KEY OUTCOMES

- **Strengthened collaboration** between law enforcement, schools, and youth-serving agencies
- **Increased reporting** of unsafe online behavior
- **Expanded access** to trauma-informed counseling and victim services
- **Community-wide engagement** in youth safety prevention

A GROWING MOVEMENT



Designed for replication and scale, Operation Angel Summit is expanding to additional communities seeking proactive, coordinated prevention strategies. National and local investment fuels this growth — strengthening public-private partnerships that protect youth nationwide.



ABOUT NSPN MEMBERSHIP

National Safe Place Network (NSPN) Membership is a national network of youth-serving organizations and professionals committed to strengthening services for young people and families. Membership connects agencies and leaders to shared expertise, national dialogue, and practical resources that enhance quality and consistency across communities.

NSPN offers both organizational and individual membership. Organizational membership supports agencies seeking to deepen expertise, strengthen leadership, and expand their impact. Individual membership connects professionals, students, and emerging leaders to learning opportunities and a supportive national community.

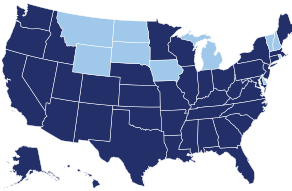
Membership serves as the professional backbone of NSPN's work — reinforcing the national safety net by ensuring those who serve youth remain connected and aligned.

ADVANCING EXCELLENCE. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RESPONSE.

NSPN Membership expands organizational capacity and reinforces the systems that enable communities to respond effectively to youth and families. By investing in leadership, shared learning, and strategic support, Membership ensures agencies are prepared not only to meet today's challenges — but to adapt, lead, and sustain impact in a rapidly evolving landscape.

NSPN MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NATIONAL NETWORK & FIELD LEADERSHIP



A National Network of 142 Organizations Advancing Professional Excellence and Community Response

Key Partnerships



Scholarly & National Leadership

- Published "What Should I Do? Building the Capacity of New Leaders to Make Ethical Decisions" in the Journal of Child and Youth Care Work, advancing ethical leadership standards.
- Presented at the National Network for Youth Summit & the National RHY Grantees Training
- Served on national boards & committees strengthening the youth-serving field

PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Emerging Leaders Institute

18 Agencies served
6-Week leadership program
Consistently sold out

98% Recommended

"This should be required for new leaders."
— ELI Participant

Training of Facilitators & Trainers

5 Agencies served
20-Hour course

100% Said Worth Their Time

"I'm leaving with more confidence and skill."
— Training Participant



GrantED 101

12 Agencies served
20-hour virtual course

Looks Logical to Me

10 Agencies served
Virtual course for practical logic model development

NATIONAL CONVENING & RECOGNITION

FOCUS 2025
Where Magic Meets Mission

Focus, national conference with 150+ participants | 30+ sessions & keynotes on AI, leadership, development, outreach, and shared problem solving. Reached full capacity, selling out registration and two hotel room blocks.



The **2025 NSPN Awards** recognized outstanding youth, staff, executives, partners, & advocates across 10 national award categories.

STRATEGIC SUPPORT & FUNDING READINESS



Customized Trainings

Tailored sessions delivered in MO, NC, OK, and nationwide (virtual) on youth development and leadership.

Proposal Review Support

NSPN reviewed federal proposals to help agencies meet tight deadlines and sustain critical services.



90%
of agencies were funded

Member Resources



Support Center



NSPNsights



NSPN Connect



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Contracted partnership with F2 Solutions training federal grant reviewers and panel chairs.



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Your network.
Together we can!



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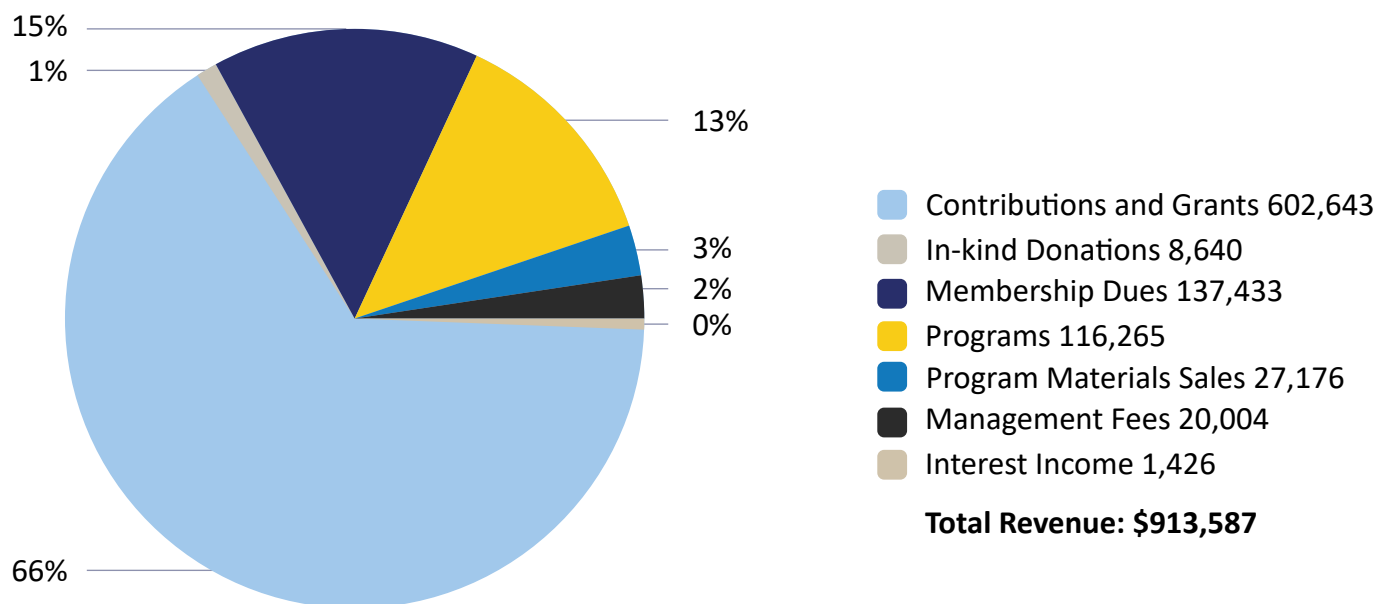
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