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### **Crisis card highlights Snohomish County resources**

Looking for every opportunity to serve at-risk adolescents, the Snohomish County Office of Children's Affairs & Prevention has collaborated with other county agencies to create a condensed help guide called the Youth Crisis Card.

About the size of a business card, the Youth Crisis Card contains detailed information and contact numbers for services available to youth and families in need.

The card is tailored to inform parents and guardians of the most important resources to contact when they need help with a child or teenager who is at risk of running away, abusing alcohol or drugs, or even hurting themselves or another person. The card contains basic information about Family Reconciliation Services, local shelters, the Crisis Residential Centers in Snohomish County and who to call to access mental health or chemical-dependency resources.

Easily carried in a pocket, purse or wallet, the card will be distributed by Snohomish County deputies and other Snohomish County law enforcement when they come into contact with families suffering serious conflicts between youth and parents, or when a child has run away.

The card was developed this past summer by the county's Office of Children's Affairs & Prevention with help from the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, local law enforcement agencies and the Secure Crisis Residential Center, which provides temporary housing to runaway youth.

Highlighted on the card is information about Family Reconciliation Services, a free program for youth age 12 through 17 having serious conflicts with their parents, the parent of a runaway child or the runaway child themselves.

"These are agencies, many connected with Snohomish County, that want to help resolve some of the serious issues that youth and parents face," said County Executive Aaron

Reardon. "Bringing these resources together to serve families more efficiently is what good government should be about."

Also included on the card – which was printed with funding from the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee – is contact information for crisis lines, detoxification centers and out-of-home placement. The cards periodically will be updated as new resources become available.

Information:

Snohomish County Office of Children’s Affairs & Prevention:

[http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Human\\_Services/Divisions/CmtyAction/ChildAffairs](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Human_Services/Divisions/CmtyAction/ChildAffairs)

Governor’s Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee:

<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ojj>

### Very Helpful Resources

**Crisis Crisis Line** 1-800-584-3578

*24-hour telephone crisis counseling*

**Project Safe** (425) 317-9898

*Resources and strategies for parents of teens*

**Access for Crisis Line** (425) 212-3900

*Access to countywide mental health services*

**Dispute Resolution Center**

(425) 259-3191 • *Resolve conflicts peacefully*

**Denney Youth Center** (425) 388-7800

*Detention, Probation, Community Services*

**Teen Advocates** (425) 259-5802

*Helping teens access services*

### Drug Detox & Treatment

**Catholic Community Services**  
(425) 258-5270 • *Medical coupons OK*

**Lakeland Milam** (425) 259-0796

*Free assessment but need insurance for tx*

**Santitas** (425) 609-5505

*Spanish-speaking services available*

It's time  
for help...

Crisis Resources for Youth  
in Snohomish County



### What is FRS?

Provided free of charge by DCFS, Family Reconciliation Services helps families deal with problems such as a child running away, not following reasonable family rules, or serious problems between parents and their child. Any youth age 12 through 17 and their parent who are having serious conflicts, any parent whose child has runaway, or any runaway youth may ask for FRS.

- Helps parents having problems with at-risk youth (free in-home counseling);
- Provides a court process for parents or youth to seek help with serious conflicts at home (including help with ARY and CHINS petitions);
- Helps families and youths obtain treatment, protection, and care;
- Offices located in Everett, Alderwood, Sky Valley and Snokey Point.

1-866-280-6714

### Out of Home Placement

**Cocoon House** (425) 259-6042

*For youth aged 13-17, homeless or experiencing family crisis. Highly parent permission required. Respite care, resource referrals, mental health and substance abuse counselors on staff.*

**Evergreen House CRC** (425) 252-7990

*For youth aged 12-17 in family crisis. Family medication and community resources available. Only DSHS or Law Enforcement may place. Maximum five day stay.*

**D.A.R.T.S. Scouts CRC** (425) 388-7829

*Law Enforcement only placement within Denney Juvenile Justice Center for runaway and endangered youth aged 12-17. Officer determines whether youth meets admission criteria under RCW 13.32A.050:*

- *Absent from parental custody without consent, or listed runaway*
  - *Found in dangerous circumstances considering age, location encountered, and time of day*
- Mediation, assessment, and referrals provided.*