



Having child run away is one of every parent's worst nightmares. If this happens, you will no doubt experience very strong emotions – from fear to anger. However, it is important to try to stay calm and do all the necessary steps in order to help your child return home.

You should report your child as a runaway immediately every time they run away. Not only does this alert the legal system to the status of your missing child, but also sends the message to your child that this will be treated seriously.

Build a network of all of the important people in your child's life. It is crucial that you know their friends and their parents, including their contact information.

In addition to the local resources in West Michigan, the National Runaway Safeline has trained counselors who are available to speak with immediately. They can be reached at 1-800-RUNAWAY.

For additional resources and help please contact our office at 616-365-2298