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NATIONAL SAFE PLACE RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (November 8, 2012) – National Safe Place has received a \$10.5 million grant to provide training and technical assistance to more than 400 runaway and homeless youth agencies across the country. The Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) competitively selected National Safe Place to coordinate the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC) for the next five years.

Currently, Safe Place provides immediate help and safety for young people in crisis. Headquartered in Louisville, the public-private network of more than 20,000 locations in 1,566 communities across the country provides shelter for troubled youth in stores, buses and public buildings displaying the Safe Place sign.

“National Safe Place is honored to be chosen as the organization that will manage RHYTTAC,” said Laurie Jackson, National Safe Place Executive Director. “We are eager to serve and support youth organizations across the country as they work to provide safety and permanency and improve the social and emotional well-being of runaway, homeless and street youth.”

RHYTTAC will assist all federally funded runaway and homeless youth agencies with their work to facilitate the healing, recovery, social connection and emotional well-being of youth and families who have experienced maltreatment, exposure to violence and/or trauma. The organization will help ensure that effective interventions are in place to build skills and capacities that contribute to the healthy, positive and productive functioning of children and youth into adulthood.

“We are looking forward to working closely with National Safe Place as the training and technical assistance experts to foster capacity building among FYSB’s RHY grantees that will result in continued

enhancement in services for youth and their families. We also see National Safe Place as a conduit for promoting the priorities of the Administration for Children, Youth and Families,” said Resa Matthew, FYSB’s Director of the Division of Adolescent Development and Support.

Each year, trainings on various topics will be offered to federal grantees. At least 30 technical assistance clinics will also be provided based on information requested from grantees and federal project officers. The other key areas of education include distance learning through online webinars and conferences.

About National Safe Place

National Safe Place provides training and technical assistance for youth service agencies and businesses interested in developing the Safe Place program. Businesses and community locations that appeal to youth – such as fast food restaurants, convenience stores, fire stations, public buses and libraries –connect kids looking for help with a partnering youth service agency. Safe Place was created as an outreach program of Shelter House by the YMCA of Greater Louisville in 1983 and remains a wholly owned subsidiary of the YMCA of Greater Louisville. Since its inception, Safe Place has helped more than 270,000 youth. For more information, please visit www.nationalsafeplace.org.

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