



## **November Observances & Resources**

### **National Homelessness Awareness Month & National Homeless Youth Awareness Month**

November is National Homelessness Awareness Month and National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. SAMHSA works in partnership with federal, state and local partners and national experts to provide training on housing, treatment and recovery models focused on adults, children, and families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have serious mental illness and/or serious emotional disturbance, and substance use. These partnerships contribute to housing stability, recovery, and ending homelessness. SAMHSA also supports the field through technical assistance to states and localities, treatment systems and individual providers on these issues.

- [Homelessness Awareness Month | SAMHSA](#)
- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-homeless-youth-awareness-month>

### **National Runaway Prevention Month**

November is National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM), a public awareness campaign designed to “shine a light” on the experiences of youth who have run away and youth who have experienced homelessness that too often remain invisible. It is also an opportunity to spotlight the resources available to support youth in crisis throughout the nation. As part of the campaign, youth, adults, organizations, corporations and communities nationwide work together to prevent youth homelessness.

- <https://www.1800runaway.org/prevention-education/nrpm>

### **National Veterans & Military Families Month**

November was first declared as Military Family Month in 1996. Since then, November has been a time to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifices our military families make. They contend with separation from their families and make adjustments to new living situations and communities. Military Families embody strength, resilience, and courage. Care of military families and children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.

- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/military-family-month>
- [Celebrate Our Veterans & Military Families | Military OneSource](#)
- [Veterans & Military Families Month 2023](#)



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### **National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week – November 11-18, 2023**

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Participating groups spend the week holding a series of educational, service, fundraising, and advocacy events.

- [Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week \(hweek.org\)](https://www.hweek.org)

### **The Great American Smokeout – November 16, 2023**

Quitting smoking isn't easy. It takes time. And a plan. You don't have to stop smoking in one day. Start with day one. Let the Great American Smokeout event on the third Thursday in November be your day to start your journey toward a smoke-free life. You'll be joining thousands of people who smoke across the country in taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing your cancer risk. Plus, the American Cancer Society can help you access the resources and support you need to quit.

- <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html>