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Tips for Assembling Street Outreach Kits for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

YouthLink's Mobile Outreach Coordinator, along with Peer Outreach Worker(s), goes out into the community to encampments and other places youth experiencing homelessness are known to gather. The Outreach Team brings supplies and resources like hot meals, blankets, and outreach kits, with the goal of connecting young people to YouthLink services. The Outreach Team makes hundreds of contacts with unsheltered youth each month.

- **Suggested Items for Outreach Kits**
 - Durable socks (thicker, warmer socks in winter)
 - Wet wipes
 - Small flashlight + batteries
 - Non-perishable snack(s) like granola bar, trail mix, jerky, tuna & cracker package, etc.
 - Hydration Multiplier/ electrolyte drink mix (Liquid IV, Gatorade drink mix, etc.)
 - Small first-aid kit, or band-aids
 - Personal package of Kleenex/tissue

- **Seasonal Additions**
 - Winter
 - Hot Hands Hand Warmers
 - Winter hat and/or gloves
 - Summer
 - Sunscreen
 - Bug spray
 - Rain poncho

- **Gift Cards**
 - Gift cards to easy-to-access grocery and convenience stores are not required, but always appreciated!

- **Toiletry Items**
 - YouthLink gives out separate toiletry kits, so it's not necessary to include toiletry items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) in these outreach kits.

Reach out to us at donations@youthlinkmn.org or 612-252-1280 for questions and to arrange a donation drop-off time/day.

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