



## Local Law 79 Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Access Report July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 Summary to the NYC Council

There are currently 606 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) beds available for youth, with 147 additional beds contracted and in the certification process toward the plan for 753 open RHY beds by the end of FY19. The average vacancy rate during the six-month time-period was 7%, or 42 beds not utilized on average per night.

As of November 1, 2018, DYCD RHY Services implemented a new reporting process. Providers are required to send in an individual form for each young person reported as unable to access a bed. During the period of July 1 to December 31 2018:

- 1,331 young people were placed in a crisis services program or transitional independent living support program.
- 17 youth were reported to have been offered an available bed and refused the service.
- 25 young people were reported as unable to access an RHY bed on the day they requested service. However, DYCD provider data available to all RHY program staff showed that beds were, in fact, available (see attached spreadsheet for detail). DYCD is taking steps to improve training and communication so that no young person is unable to be placed despite available beds. These steps include:
  - Reinforcing the use of DYCD data systems to identify available beds.
  - Continuing to train providers on LL79 reporting and emphasize that DYCD staff will assist to identify available beds.
  - Regular check in between DYCD and providers on any accuracy of youth access and refusal forms.

### Breakdown by Month

	Youth Not Placed	Youth Refused
July	13	6
August	0	0
September	6	2
October	1	4
November	1	1
December	4	4