

LOCAL LAW 4 OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK 2019

**PLAN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT RESOURCES AND SERVICES RELATING TO IMMIGRATION
RELIEF AND BENEFITS THROUGH RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES**

JUNE 1, 2019

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

DYCD funded providers of Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services, including all residential programs and Drop-In Centers serving youth with case management services, will offer participants information about services and resources related to immigration, including immigration-related legal services. In partnership with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA), which will produce current and accurate informational materials to share with youth, DYCD will coordinate trainings for provider staff on available resources to be shared with youth. This approach will ensure that youth served who may need the information will have it, whether or not they have asked for it.

Informational Materials:

Informational materials shared will inform youth in need of immigration-related services, including legal help, or other services, how to access available City services and resources. Materials will highlight resources for youth who have been subjected to factors that increase their vulnerability, including for example domestic or dating violence, trafficking, hostile conditions, persecution, abuse and more. The materials will include, but may not be limited to, a general flyer describing ActionNYC, a City-funded immigration legal help program, and a flyer encouraging youth to contact ActionNYC for any questions related to immigration relief and benefits as well as highlighting certain factors that may make them eligible for immigration relief and benefits. Informational materials will be provided in languages identified in the NYC Administrative Code 23-1101. These materials will be made available to RHY providers beginning in FY20, or as of July 1, 2019. Thousands of copies will be printed and distributed so that materials remain available throughout the fiscal year. DYCD and MOIA will revisit the materials each year, or more frequently, as needed, to update the information provided.

Training:

DYCD will plan a minimum of two mandatory trainings which will require participation from staff representing all DYCD funded residential and drop in center providers. Additional trainings can be scheduled to accommodate new programs, or new staff as needed. DYCD will collect feedback from organizations with expertise in serving LGBTQ youth, to ensure that information and materials can be shared with young people who identify as LGBTQ, with sensitivity.

The first training is planned for July 25, 2019. A follow up training will occur in February 2020. The trainings will be conducted by organizations with expertise in immigration services and resources including immigration-related legal services. During the trainings, MOIA will provide information on the process for accessing legal services through ACTION NYC.

Reporting:

DYCD will submit a report containing indicators of activities in connection with the goals of this plan to the mayor and the speaker of the city council. The report is due no later than June 1, 2020. DYCD respectfully requests that report be submitted after the close of the Fiscal Year, on July 31 annually, to cover the annual period of July 1 to June 30. This will help to attain the most accurate reporting details for the year, and annually thereafter.