



Local Law 81 of 2018
Report on the Streamlined Referrals to the Department of Homeless Services
January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Description of the referral process

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and Department of Homeless Services (DHS) work in partnership to facilitate a direct referral process from DYCD-funded Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services programs to adult shelter.

With the consent of young people, Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY) providers share referral information with intake supervisors at DHS locations, either PATH for families with children or the DHS Intake Centers for single adults.

The DHS intake supervisors use the referral information to populate the DHS shelter tracking system, and locate a shelter bed, including sites designed for young adults within DHS. Once a placement is found, the RHY provider will notify the youth and the youth will be placed or may decline the offer.

Note that in May of 2023, DHS amended the policy to include drop-in centers.

Total Youth Referred	38
Already Associated with a shelter	7
Declined	6
Placed	25

Referring Agency	Total Referrals
Ali Forney Center	1
Covenant House	18
Diaspora Community Services	2
Good Shepherd	2
SCO Family of Services	4
Sheltering Arms	6
Streetwork	5
Total	38