



Local Law 81 of 2018
Report on the Streamlined Referrals to the Department of Homeless Services
July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Description

In October 2017, Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) in partnership with Department of Homeless Services (DHS) launched a direct referral process to allow youth from DYCD-funded residential programs to more easily transition to the adult shelter system. The expedited intake and assessment process saves youth time and energy and streamlines the administrative process of moving to an adult bed. This practice was codified in Local Law 81 of 2018.

Update on Process

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY) providers email a completed “DYCD to DHS Shelter Referral Worksheet” to the designated intake supervisors at the appropriate DHS location, either PATH for families with children or the DHS Intake Centers for single men or single women.

The DHS intake supervisors enter the information on the referral form into CARES (DHS shelter tracking system) and locate a shelter bed. Once a placement is found, the RHY provider is notified and the youth is discharged directly to the DHS shelter.

To promote this resource, DYCD designed a poster for placement in RHY programs. It was distributed to the Crisis Services and Transitional Independent Living Support programs to display prominently to youth.

| Total Youth Referred | 30 |
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| Placed | 26 |
| Declined placement | 4 |

| Referring Agency | Total Referrals |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Ali Forney Center | 2 |
| Children's Village | 7 |
| CORE Services | 2 |
| Covenant House of New York | 4 |
| Safe Horizon/Streetwork | 1 |
| SCO Family of Services | 7 |
| Sheltering Arms | 7 |
| Total | 30 |