



Streamlined Referral to DHS Shelter Report for July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Background

In October 2017, DYCD in partnership with 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.

This process allows DYCD programs to refer young people directly to DHS shelters, bypassing the need for youth to report to the intake centers while maintaining a continuity of services.

Progress on Implementation

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.

Placement Summary

- 44 runaway and homeless youth were referred through this process; 26 were placed, 13 refused placement and 5 placements are in progress.

See below for the summary statistics for placement outcomes by referring agency, and by the type of shelter the young people were eligible for.



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The table below describes the total number of referrals by RHY Provider (referring agency) as well as the outcome of the referral.

Placement Outcomes Totals				
Referring Agency	Placed	Young Person Refused placement	In progress	Total Referrals
Ali Forney	3	3		6
Children's Village		1		1
CORE Services	2	2	2	6
Covenant House	6	2	1	9
Good Shepherd	1			1
Maya's Place		1		1
Safe Horizon/Streetwork	1		1	2
SCO	7	2		9
Sheltering Arms	6	2	1	9
Total	26	13	5	44
% of the Total	59%	30%	11%	100%