

Local Law 118 of 2023 Quarterly Report

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Department) manages contracts for supportive and intensive crisis residences (formerly crisis respite centers) for New York City. Pursuant to Local Law 118 of 2023, which relates to establishing crisis respite centers, the Health Department is submitting the first of our quarterly reports to the Speaker regarding the status of such centers.

The Health Department continues to work with our state and city partners to expand the number of both supportive and intensive crisis residences (formerly crisis respite centers) in New York City. The Health Department currently contracts with four community-based organizations to provide crisis residential services. These programs were first piloted as crisis respites as part of a federal grant to the Health Department. Each of these programs is in various stages of the process to obtain a licensure by the New York State Office of Mental Health. At least two organizations have begun the process to obtain New York State Office of Mental Health licensure to operate additional crisis residential services. The Health Department is reviewing those applications in collaboration with the State.

A timeline for opening these programs is not available at this time. We are looking forward to working with the New York City Council as we expand the number of supportive and intensive crisis residences in New York City.