

## **LOCAL LAW 17 of 2024**

### **Students in Emotional Crisis Training**

#### **Academic Year 23-24**

The Department has implemented comprehensive training programs to ensure that Members of the Service (MOS) are fully equipped to comply with Local Law 17 of 2024. This training encompasses procedures for responding to incidents involving children in emotional crisis, including de-escalation techniques, communication protocols with school staff and parents, and the appropriate use of mechanical, constructive, or alternative restraints such as velcro restraining devices. MOS are also trained to document all relevant details and adhere to the school's crisis intervention plan. By integrating these elements into existing training modules, the Department promotes compliance with legal requirements while prioritizing the safety and well-being of students in public schools.

The safety of all individuals involved is the primary consideration when determining whether a student should be restrained and what type of restraint to employ. In a school environment, the least restrictive form of restraint necessary should be used to secure a student who is being arrested or is in need of safety due to emotional disturbance. Members of the service are encouraged to confer and coordinate with school administrative staff—including the principal, dean, teachers, guidance counselors, and the school's crisis intervention team—when restraint is deemed necessary. This collaboration should occur whenever possible and appropriate, ensuring personal safety while aiming to reduce or eliminate the need for force.

| <b>Students in Emotional Crisis Training as of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024</b> | <b>Number Trained</b> | <b>Demonstrates Proficiency</b> |
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| Total UMOS Trained   | 15                    | 100%                            |
| Total School Safety Agents Trained   | 2,086                 | 100%                            |