

Department of Youth & Community Development

Runaway & Homeless Youth Services

LOCAL LAW 4 OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK 2019

REPORT DESCRIBING RESOURCES AND SERVICES RELATING TO IMMIGRATION RELIEF AND BENEFITS THROUGH RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES

JUNE 1, 2020

1. A summary of programs, procedures, memoranda, or training materials relating to the implementation and goals of the plan required by subdivision a of this section;

Flyers were created to inform youth in need of immigration-related services, including legal help, or other services, how to access available City services and resources. Materials highlighted resources for youth who have been subjected to factors that increase their vulnerability, including domestic or dating violence, trafficking, hostile conditions, persecution, abuse and more. The materials included a general flyer describing ActionNYC, a City-funded immigration legal help program, encouraging youth to contact ActionNYC for any questions related to immigration relief and benefits as well as highlighting certain factors that may make them eligible for immigration relief and benefits. Copies of both flyers are attached.

2. The number of mandatory trainings conducted for staff of runaway and homeless youth services in accordance with subparagraph (c) of paragraph 3 of subdivision a of this section; and

The first training was held July 25, 2019, and was conducted by Safe Passage, a provider that specializes immigration-related legal services for youth. During the trainings, MOIA provided information on the process for accessing legal services through ActionNYC. The immigration services flyer and ActionNYC flyer were distributed to the providers at the meeting and via email.

A second training occurred February 20, 2020 with a presentation by the legal services director at The Door. The Door provides immigration legal services for youth, and offers additional legal remedies as well. The immigration services flyer and ActionNYC flyer were distributed to the providers at the meeting and via email.

3. The total number of runaway and homeless youth informed of available legal resources for immigration relief or immigration-related benefits.

DYCD funded providers of Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services, including all residential programs and Drop-In Centers serving youth with case management services, gave participants information about services and resources related to immigration, including immigration-related legal services. This approach ensured that youth served who may need the information will have it, whether or not they have asked for it.

As a result 4,397 youth received this information between July 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020.