

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 of 2026 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 New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) licenses all residences and contracts residences, separately from the Health Department. Together, Health Department and OMH contracted residences encompasses all crisis residences in New York City.

As of January 2026, there were a total of 10 crisis residences (formerly crisis respites) operating in New York City. The Health Department currently contracts with community-based organizations to offer crisis residential services at four sites. OMH currently contracts to provide six additional sites. Three additional crisis residence sites are in the process of opening. A timeline for opening these programs is not available at this time as they are dependent on OMH licensure. We are looking forward to working with New York City Council as we expand the number of supportive and intensive crisis residences in New York City.