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, 2023

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;

DYCD and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) collaboratively created a flyer informing youth about ActionNYC, a city-funded immigration legal help program, and encouraging youth to contact ActionNYC for any questions related to immigration relief and benefits. The flyer highlights certain experiences, including domestic or dating violence, trafficking, hostile conditions, persecution, abuse and more, that may be relevant to eligibility for immigration relief and benefits. This flyer, as well as a general flyer describing ActionNYC, are distributed to youth as described in Section 3 below. Copies of both flyers are attached. For copies of the Immigration Services for Youth flyer in all designated citywide languages (pursuant to NYC Administrative Code Section 23-1101), please follow this <u>link</u>. The flyers are in this section: "Flyer: Immigration legal help for young people in NYC."

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

As NYC responded to the increased number of migrants and asylum seekers coming from the border, the additional resources were shared with providers during provider meetings on the following dates during 2023: August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, January 19th, February 16th and May 18th.

RHY providers were reminded of the process for accessing legal services through ActionNYC, and they received access to the Navigation Centers and information about the HERRCs. DYCD continues to update the providers as more resources become available.

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 they have asked for it.

As a result, 4,121 youth received this information between July 1, 2021, and April 30, 2022.