



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, 2024

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 [link](#). 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

As NYC responded to the increased number of migrants and asylum seekers, additional resources were shared with providers during monthly provider meetings.

RHY providers were trained on the process for accessing legal services through ActionNYC, the Asylum Seeker Navigation Centers and the HERRCs. DYCD continues to update the providers as more resources become available. DYCD providing direct access to Language Line for the provider community.

DYCD organized two trainings for RHY provider staff. The first was offered by Project Rousseau on December 14, 2023. The training covered some of the legal remedies available for migrant youth especially for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), U-Visas, VAWA and Temporary Protected Status. Project Rousseau offered a referral pathway to access these legal services as well.

The second training, offered by Catholic Charities Community Services (an ACTION NYC provider), was a comprehensive overview of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) process. This training, conducted on May 2, 2024, was the kickoff for a special SIJS Sprint that MOIA and Catholic Charities are providing to the youth served by RHY providers during the summer, using repurposed deliverables under Catholic Charities Community Services’ ActionNYC in Schools contract. The services conducted through this sprint include comprehensive legal screenings and full legal representation for youth who are close to turning 21.



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 during intake, 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, 6,015 youth received this information between May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.