



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, 2025 report for the Period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

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

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) collaboratively created a flyer with resources available to immigrant populations, including youth, about MOIA's Immigration Legal Support Centers (formerly ActionNYC), a city-funded immigration legal help program. The flyer encourages youth to contact MOIA for any questions related to immigration relief and benefits. The flyers also highlight 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 available legal services, were distributed to youth as described in Section 3 below (when the centers were still referred to as ActionNYC). Copies of both flyers are attached.

2. The number of mandatory trainings conducted for staff of runaway and homeless youth services

As New York City responded to the increased number of migrants and asylum seekers in the last several years, additional resources were shared with providers during monthly provider meetings.

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) providers were trained on the process for accessing legal services through MOIA's Legal Support Centers, the Asylum Seeker Navigation Centers and Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Centers (HERRCs). DYCD continues to update the providers as resources evolve.

RHY provider staff also participated in two trainings during this reporting period. The first training was conducted during the DYCD monthly provider meeting on August 8, 2024. Catholic Charities Community Services (an ActionNYC provider) gave an overview of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) process and described the client flow for comprehensive legal screenings and full legal representation for youth who are close to turning 21.

The second training was held in April 2025 and updated providers about the resources available through the Asylum Application Help Centers.

In addition to these trainings, the provider community participated in Know Your Rights forums conducted by MOIA for services providers citywide



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

Youth and young adults were informed of the available legal resources for immigration relief during intake at DYCD funded residential programs and Drop-In Centers. This approach ensured that youth served who may need essential information will have it, whether or not they have asked for it.

As a result, 5,380 youth received this information between May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.