



Local Law 81 of 2018
Streamlined Referral to the Department of Homeless Youth Shelter Report
January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

Description

In October 2017, DYCD in partnership with DHS launched a direct referral process to allow youth from DYCD-funded residential programs to more easily transition to the adult shelter system. The expedited intake and assessment process saves youth time and energy and streamlines the administrative process of moving to an adult bed. This practice was codified in Local Law 81 of 2018.

Update on Process

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY) providers email a completed “DYCD to DHS Shelter Referral Worksheet” to the designated intake supervisors at the appropriate DHS location, either PATH for families with children or the DHS Intake Centers for single men or single women.

The DHS intake supervisors enter the information on the referral form into CARES (DHS shelter tracking system) and locate a shelter bed. Once a placement is found, the RHY provider is notified and the youth is discharged directly to the DHS shelter.

To promote this resource, DYCD designed a poster for placement in RHY programs. It was distributed to the Crisis Services and Transitional Independent Living Support programs to display prominently to youth.

Total Youth Referred	58
Placed	54
Refused placement	4

Referring Agency	Total Referrals
Ali Forney Center	1
Children's Village	6
CORE Services	8
Covenant House	10
GEMS	1
Project Hospitality	1
Rising Ground	1
Safe Horizon/Streetwork	5
SCO Family of Services	4
Sheltering Arms	21
Total	58