



**Local Law 81 of 2018**  
**Report on the Streamlined Referrals to the Department of Homeless Services**  
**July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023**

**Description of the referral process**

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and Department of Homeless Services (DHS) work in partnership to facilitate a direct referral process from DYCD-funded Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services programs to adult shelter.

With the consent of young people, Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY) providers share referral information with intake supervisors at DHS locations, either PATH for families with children or the DHS Intake Centers for single adults.

The DHS intake supervisors use the referral information to populate the DHS shelter tracking system, and locate a shelter bed, including sites designed for young adults within DHS. Once a placement is found, the RHY provider will notify the youth and the youth will be placed or may decline the offer.

Note that in May of 2023, DHS amended the policy to include referrals from DYCD drop-in centers to DHS shelter.

Total Youth Referred	79
Already Associated with a shelter	7
Declined	9
Placed	35
Referred to HERRC Arrival Center	28

Referring Agency	Total Referrals
Ali Forney Center	8
Covenant House of New York	24
Good Shepherd	1
Rising Ground	11
Safe Horizon/Streetwork	29
SCO Family of Services	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>