



Local Law 81 of 2018
Report on the Streamlined Referrals to the Department of Homeless Services
January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

Description of the referral process

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) partner in this 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 about the placement.

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

Total Youth Referred	40
Already Associated with a shelter	2
Declined	1
Placed	37

Referring Agency	Total Referrals
Ali Forney Center	7
Covenant House of New York	15
Rising Ground	3
Safe Horizon/Streetwork	13
SCO Family of Services	2
Total	40