

# DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth



The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) invests in a network of community-based organizations and programs to alleviate the effects of poverty and to provide opportunities for New Yorkers and communities to flourish.

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# Agenda

- **Introductory Activity**
- **Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services**
- **Key RHY Features**
- **Significant RHY Achievements**
- **Panel Discussion**

# Introductory Activity

- Give one word to describe Youth Homelessness



# RHY Program Types

## Street Outreach

- **Vans travel throughout the 5 boroughs; serving two zones**
  - Northern (above 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx and Queens)
  - Southern (below 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn and Staten Island), seeking out homeless/runaway/at-risk youth between the hours of 7:00 PM – 2:00 AM Monday through Saturday.
- **Street Outreach services are geared to target public spaces, parks, and transportation hubs.**
- **Street Outreach teams distribute information about RHY services; provide resources, materials, referrals, and transport youth to their homes, shelters, or other safe locations including RHY Drop-in centers when needed.**

# RHY Program Types

## Drop-In Centers

- **Drop-In Centers provide essential needs for young people between the ages of 14 and 24.**
  - These include food, clothing, access to case management, educational support, employment assistance, mental health counselling, access to do laundry, showers, and referrals to short- and long-term housing.
- **8 drop-in centers total:**
  - Brooklyn ~ 1
  - Queens ~ 2
  - Staten Island ~ 1
  - The Bronx ~ 1
  - Manhattan ~ 3
- **5 centers operate 24 hours per day/ 7 days per week**
  - 1 in each borough

# RHY Program Types

## Crisis Services

Crisis Service Programs offer emergency shelter and support for runaways and young people experiencing homelessness.

- **258 RHY Beds ~ Ages 16-20**
  - Length of stay: 60-120 days
- **35 RHY HYA Beds ~ Ages 21-24**
  - Length of stay: 60-120 days

# RHY Program Types

## Transitional Independent Living Services (TILs)

Transitional Independent Living Services (TILs) facilities provide homeless young people with support and shelter as they work to establish independence.

- **RHY TILs**

- 495 Beds ~ Ages 16-20
- Length of stay: up to 24 months

- **RHY HYA TILS**

- 25 Beds - Ages 21-24
- Length of stay: up to 24 months

# Key Features of RHY Residential Programs

- Regulated by NYS OCFS (Office of Children & Family Services)
- **Specialized services for:**
  - Parenting Youth
  - Sexually exploited youth
  - LGBTQIA+



# Key Outcome Features of RHY Services

- Educational assistance
- **Vocational training**
- Employment assistance
- **Financial Coaching**
- Life skills training
- **Mental health services**
- Housing referrals & placement
- **Family reunification assistance (when applicable)**

# Significant Achievements

- **Approximately 3,913 youth participate in mental health services**
- **2,000 youth were served in the Crisis Shelters**
- **1,182 youth were served in the TIL programs**
- **23,730 youth participated in the Drop-In Centers (2,231 case managed)**
- **Approximately 13,395 youth received services from the Street Outreach teams**
- **75 Youth aging out of RHY offered streamlined access to DHS, bypassing intake & assessment process to obtain shelter**

*Numbers reflect DYCD RHY for FY 23*

# RHY Informational Flyer

## RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES

### DROP-IN SERVICES

Young people ages 14 through 24 are welcome! Food, clothing, showers, laundry and case management services are available. Receive referrals to crisis services programs, Transitional Independent Living programs and additional supportive services.

#### MANHATTAN

**Ali Forney Center** 24/7  
307 West 38th Street  
New York, NY 10018  
(212) 206-0574

#### The Door

555 Broome Street  
New York, NY 10013  
(646) 690-8986  
**Mon-Fri: 9 AM-6 PM**  
**Sat: 10 AM-6 PM**

#### Safe Horizon Streetwork Harlem

209 West 125th Street  
New York, NY 10027  
(212) 695-2220  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs-Sun:**  
**10 AM-6 PM**

#### BRONX

**Cardinal McCloskey Community Services** 24/7  
333 East 149th Street  
Bronx, NY 10451  
(718) 993-5495  
(917) 334-0957

#### BROOKLYN

**SCO Family of Services** 24/7  
774 Rockaway Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
(718) 685-3850

#### QUEENS

**Rising Ground Inc** 24/7  
165-13 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Jamaica, NY 11432  
(718) 526-2400 ext. 2080

#### Rising Ground Inc (Far Rockaway Site)

1600 Central Avenue  
Far Rockaway, NY 11691  
(646) 518-1202  
**Mon-Thurs 12 PM-8 PM**  
**Fri: 11 AM-7 PM, Sat: 11 AM-7 PM**

#### STATEN ISLAND

**Project Hospitality** 24/7  
27 Port Richmond Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10302  
(718) 876-4752

### CRISIS SERVICES PROGRAMS

DYCD Crisis Services programs, provide emergency shelter and crisis intervention. These services are offered to youth ages 16 through 20 (Runaway and Homeless Youth) and 21 through 24 (Homeless Young Adults). Youth may stay for up to 120 days.

#### BRONX

**The Bridge**  
(347) 275-2749  
abarber@covenanthouse.org  
Female Identifying Youth

#### Maya's Place

(718) 844-2979  
dbailey@childrensvillage.org  
Female Identifying Youth

#### BROOKLYN

**Ali Forney Center \***  
Contact Drop-in Center  
(212) 206-0574  
ayoung@aliforneycenter.org

#### QUEENS

**Rising Ground Inc.**  
(718) 414-1028  
klyons@risingground.org  
Male Identifying Youth

#### MANHATTAN

**Covenant House \***  
Under 21 (and Mother & Child)  
(212) 613-0300  
ralexis@covenanthouse.org

#### Safe Horizon \*

Streetwork Harlem  
(917) 507-1562  
larissa.lozada@safehorizon.org

#### Ali Forney Center \*

Contact Drop-in Center  
Runaway & Homeless Youth  
(Ages 16 to 20)  
Homeless Young Adult  
(Ages 21 to 24)  
(212) 206-0574

\* Male/Female/Gender  
Non-Conforming Youth

### TRANSITIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

DYCD Transitional Independent Living programs offer residential services to youth ages 16 through 20 (Runaway Homeless Youth) and 21 through 24 (Homeless Young Adults). Youth may stay for up to 24 months.

### STREET OUTREACH



For updated locations and information follow Streetwork on Instagram @streetworknyc

Vans traveling throughout the five boroughs providing resources, information, and transportation to safe spaces such as crisis services and drop-in centers.

*Northern: Bronx, Queens, & Manhattan Above 59th St.* (917) 804-9758

*Southern: BK, Staten Island, Manhattan Below 59th St.* (646) 342-9861

### SERVICES AVAILABLE AT ALL PROGRAMS

- Educational Programs • Vocational Training • Job Placement Assistance
- Counseling • Basic Life Skills Training • Mental Health Services
- Housing Referrals and Placement • Family Reunification Assistance



<https://bit.ly/rhycenters>

Contact DYCD Community Connect at (1800) 246-4646 or (646) 343-6800; Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM



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# Panel Discussion

- What is the health, mental health, and developmental needs of Runaway and Homeless Youth? What are some risks they encounter being homeless? Is gun violence a concern? How about subway surfing?
- Have you seen an increase in asylum seekers? What special needs do asylum seeking youth have and how have you adjusted programming to meet those needs?
- What are the individual and systemic barriers to them achieving wellness? What are some of your best practices to overcoming those barriers?
- What does success look like in the clinical setting?
- What self-care practices do you use? How does your organization support self-care?

# Thank You!

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