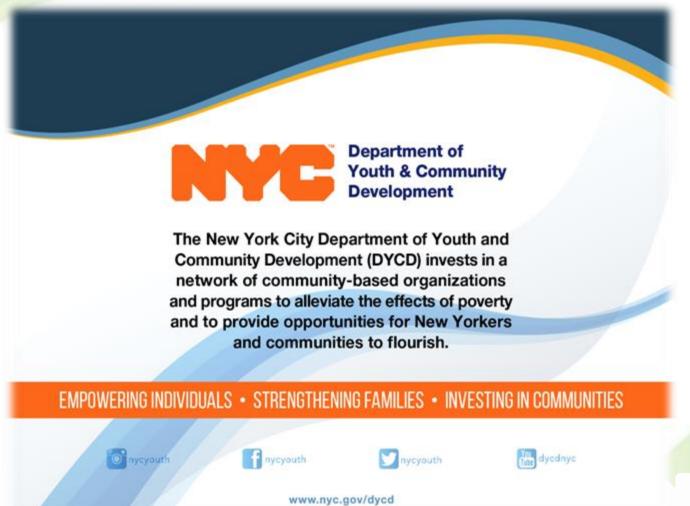
DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth



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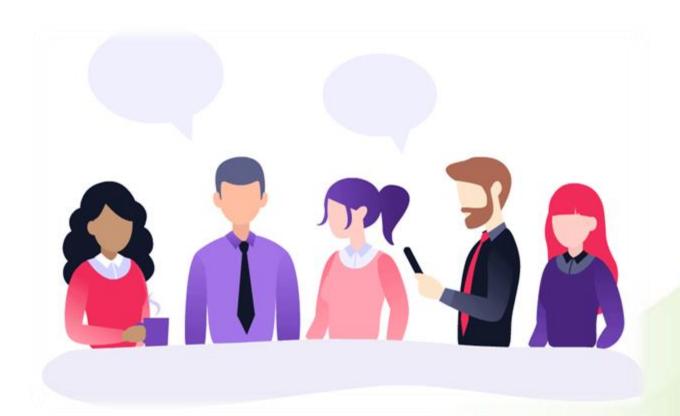
Agenda

- 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 59th Street, Bronx and Queens)
 - Southern (below 59th 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.

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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) partment of Youth & Community

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



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.

BROOKLYN

SCO Family of Services

774 Rockaway Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11211

Rising Ground Inc

Jamaica, NY 11432

Rising Ground Inc

(Far Rockaway Site)

(646) 518-1202

STATEN ISLAND

1600 Central Avenue

Far Rockaway, NY 11691

Mon-Thurs 12 PM-8 PM

Fri: 11 AM-7 PM, Sat: 11 AM-7 PM

(718) 526-2400 ext. 2080

165-13 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Floor

(718) 685-3850

OUEENS

MANHATTAN

Ali Forney Center

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 McCloskev **Community Services** 333 East 149th Street Bronx, NY 10451 (718) 993-5495 (917) 334-0957

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



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https://bit.ly/rhycenters

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@alifornevcenter.org

OUEENS

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



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 programing 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!





