



## Local Law 79 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services Access Report January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 Summary to the NYC Council

Since the PAUSE order was enacted in March, DYCD funded community-based organizations have gone above and beyond in helping New York City meet one of its top priorities during the COVID-19 emergency: keeping New Yorkers safe. Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services programs continue to offer vital support. Residential programs remained open to serve youth in need, while making adjustments to ensure space for social distancing and isolation as needed. Drop-in Centers continue to offer in person services including: referrals to housing and health care; providing on-line supports such as counseling and support for coping during the pandemic, clinical support for anxiety or depression, as well as recreational activities to maintain social connections during this time. These efforts are evident as during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2020:

- 1,279- young people were placed in a crisis services or transitional independent living support program.
- Four youth were reported to have been offered an available bed and declined the service.
- DYCD will continue to support RHY providers to ensure young people are connected to available beds.

### Breakdown by Month

	Youth Not Placed	Youth Declined
January	1	2
February	1	
March		
April		
May	1	1
June		1