

Coordinated Entry

Coordinated entry processes are currently underway at several entry points. However, in NYC's aspirational youth system, youth at any entry point would receive a standardized assessment and be able to access any appropriate short-term assistance and/or permanent housing option regardless of their pathway.

Youth Action Board

The **Youth Action Board** currently plays an active role in CoC and RHY activities. An aspirational goal is for the Youth Action Board to be informing every level of the youth system and playing a key role in improving the system to prevent and end youth homelessness.

Community-Based Support Services

Community-Based Support Services includes cash assistance, rental arrear grants, education and afterschool services, community centers, employment programs, mental and physical health services, substance use treatment and services, and any other service that assists an individual while they are experiencing homelessness or in order to prevent new experiences of or returns to homelessness. Youth may engage with these services at any point along their pathway.

Pathways

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY)

RHY services currently include 557 beds available for 16-20 year olds in Crisis (**RHY Shelter**) and Transitional (**RHY TH**) settings; seven drop-in centers for 16-24 year olds, two of which are 24-hour and offer full wraparound service sites (**RHY Drop-in**). Transitional housing (**CoC TH**) and rapid rehousing units specifically for RHY (**RHY RRH**) are also available through the CoC.

Single Adults and Families with Children Shelter

All adults in NYC have a right to shelter. The adult shelter system includes different shelters for single adults (**Single Adults Shelter**) and families with children (**Families With Children Shelter**). Upon exit from adult shelter, youth may be eligible for **Time-Limited Rental Assistance** to help them move into housing.

Foster Care

Youth can be in **Foster Care** services up to age 21. Youth exiting foster care may be at risk of becoming homeless if they are unable to find permanent housing upon discharge. Youth in foster care between the ages of 16 to 21 years can also access specific housing, employment, and education support. Youth exiting foster care also have access to a temporary foster care subsidy (**Foster Care Subsidy**) which they can use to subsidize their rent.

Street Outreach (Outreach)

There are multiple street outreach teams, including two specifically for youth. Many individuals living on the street are not accessing shelter services but receive case management and bypass the shelter system to move into subsidized permanent supportive housing. They are also able to access **Safe Havens** which are low-barrier short-term placements where they can away placement into supportive housing.

Domestic Violence Services

Domestic Violence services include residential services such as shelter (**Domestic Violence Shelter**) and transitional housing (**Domestic Violence TH**) as well as support, legal, advocacy, outreach, education & training, economic empowerment and housing assistance services for survivors. Individuals accessing Domestic Violence services can also access transitional housing units through CoC-funded nonprofits (**CoC TH**).

