



The Brooklyn Youth Center offers support and guidance to at-risk, runaway and homeless youth who are facing a wide range of challenges.

## Brooklyn Youth Center

Safe. Easy. Confidential.

### What is the Brooklyn Youth Center?

Located in Brownsville, the Brooklyn Youth Center (BYC) provides a wide array of services to at-risk, runaway and homeless youth throughout the borough of Brooklyn. We treat all youth and their families with dignity, respect, privacy, and utmost confidentiality. **ALL SERVICES ARE FREE. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.**

Our highly trained staff meet with youth to identify the issues they are facing and the scope of services needed. When appropriate, staff and the client work together to create an individualized service plan that outlines youth and/or family goals and provides resources to ensure that they achieve these goals. BYC staff provide crisis intervention, counseling and mediation and encourage clients to participate in life skills, work readiness assistance, and educational counseling. We also provide referrals to other services, including education, career development, housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.

We service youth 14-24 years old. If a client identifies as runaway or homeless, he or she is encouraged to participate in family mediation conferences, if appropriate. If family mediation/reunification is not an option, case managers work with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to explore alternative housing options.

### Brooklyn Youth Center

774 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn

Hours: Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Transportation: 3 train to Rockaway Ave. or the B60

**718-685-3850**

**877-4-DROP-IN • (877-437-6746)**



### On-Site Services Include:

- Case management
- Emergency shelter referrals and advocacy for transitional housing
- Family mediation
- Mental health
- Health and substance abuse treatment referrals
- Hygiene assistance
- Food and emergency clothing
- Homeless prevention services
- Assessment and referrals
- Youth and family resources
- Public education and awareness of the NYC DYCD continuum of services for runaway and homeless youth
- Application assistance for NY/NY III supportive housing
- Overnight “resting” services

### Contact Us:

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### Preparing for Success

The Brooklyn Youth Center also offers services to help youth pursue educational and career goals and develop independent living skills so they can build a strong foundation for the future. They include:

- Homework assistance
- Career development
- College preparation
- Clothing support
- STI and AIDS/HIV awareness
- Workshops/teen group activities
- Internet use
- Independent living skills



### SCO Family of Services

SCO Family of Services helps New Yorkers build a strong foundation for the future. We get young children off to a good start, launch youth into adulthood, stabilize and strengthen families and unlock potential for children and adults with special needs. SCO has provided vital human services throughout New York City and Long Island for 125 years.

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