

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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**No. 118**

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Introduced by Council Members Powers, Lee, Bottcher, Schulman, Rivera, Riley, Louis, Restler, Hudson, Ayala, Holden, Ung, Joseph, Abreu, Farías, Nurse, Cabán, Brewer, Avilés, Sanchez, Narcisse, Velazquez, Gutiérrez, Krishnan, Hanif, Brooks-Powers, Gennaro, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Marte, Won, Richardson Jordan, Feliz, Salamanca and Mealy (in conjunction with the Manhattan and Brooklyn Borough Presidents).

**A LOCAL LAW**

**In relation to establishing crisis respite centers**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Crisis respite centers. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “crisis respite center” means a community-based facility that is designed as an alternative to hospitalization for individuals in times of psychiatric crisis; offers voluntary, temporary stays; and provides access to peer support groups, psychoeducation, self-advocacy education, self-help training, and referrals to behavioral health professionals.

b. The mayor shall establish and maintain at least 4 new crisis respite centers, at least 2 of which shall be operational within 24 months after the effective date of this local law, and the remainder of which shall be operational within 36 months after the effective date of this local law. In establishing such centers, the mayor shall make best efforts to prioritize sites that can be converted or renovated into such centers.

c. No later than 6 months after the effective date of this local law, and quarterly thereafter until all crisis respite centers required by subdivision b of this section are operational, the mayor shall

submit a report to the speaker of the council detailing the progress the mayor has made in securing sites for crisis respite centers and shall provide an update on the timeline for opening such centers as required by this local law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on July 13, 2023 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on August 15, 2023.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 118 of 2023, Council Int. No. 1021-A of 2023) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.