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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of social services to prepare and submit a plan to address economic empowerment for shelter residents

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Economic empowerment plan. No later than 6 months after the effective date of this local law, the department of social services, in coordination with the department of small business services and all other relevant city agencies, shall prepare and submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on its website, a plan to ensure coordination across city agencies to provide economic empowerment services for shelter residents. Such plan shall, at a minimum:

1. Identify challenges that shelter residents face when trying to find employment, including specific challenges facing marginalized groups in shelters such as asylum seekers;
2. Identify ways to help asylum seekers who are shelter residents navigate employment challenges related to documentation and work authorization;
3. Identify ways to use existing networks to provide the necessary skills to find employment opportunities;
4. Increase employment opportunities at city agencies specifically for shelter residents; and
5. Complement existing career services partnerships for shelter residents.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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