

A POSITIVE SPACE TO EMPOWER COMMUNITY



WHAT IS THE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER?

The Congress Heights Family Success Center is operated by Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, as part of a network of ten success centers located in neighborhoods across Wards 7 and 8.

Each Family Success Center in our network is unique based on the needs and interests of the residents and community they serve. CHFSC is staffed by people who know and love the residents. We work alongside neighbors who serve as our community advisory council and community partners to strengthen families and improve community well-being.

WHY SHOULD I CONNECT WITH THE CENTER?

The Congress Heights Family Success Center will offer resources for you and your family. You will find:

- Neighborhood based services for family strengthening and engagement (e.g. parenting skills, support groups, and social events)
- Resources for housing, employment training and placement, healthcare, and education.
- Programs, resources, and referrals for wellness, mental health, and the prevention of trauma.
- Opportunities for children and youth to support academics, recreation, social justice, employment, STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts and Math), and much more.
- A place for you to share your creativity for classes and workshops led by "YOU" the community!

ABOUT FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE

For more than twenty years, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC) has worked alongside residents and partners to strengthen the lives of children and families across Ward 8 in Washington, DC while tackling some of the community's toughest issues. FSFSC's uses a community-driven approach to promote optimal economic, civic, and social well-being for families, youth, and seniors in Ward 8. FSFSC currently operates six locations that serve families, youth, and seniors around Ward 8.

"IT TAKES A STRONG COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THRIVING FAMILIES. WE STRIVE TO MAKE A POSITIVE SPACE TO SUPPORT STRONGER FAMILIES AND A HEALTHIER CONGRESS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY."

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PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST IN DC

Mayor Muriel Bowser's Families First DC initiative has committed 10 grants to community-based non-profits in Wards 7 and 8 to create five Family Success Centers in each ward. The Families First DC network will work with families to increase their overall well-being and the well-being of the community to give all families a fair shot in our rapidly changing city.

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted every family in our city in various ways—some families more so than others. The Family Success Centers are needed more than ever before. Investments are focused in areas of the city where deeper focus on “place-based” services by trusted community organizations with the backing of city agencies will help families thrive.

Ward 7 Centers and Organizations

- Benning Terrace/Benning Park: East River Family Strengthening Collaborative
- Clay Terrace: Sasha Bruce Youthwork
- Mayfair/Paradise: North Capital Collaborative
- Stoddert Terrace/37th Street: Life Deeds
- Benning Rd & Minnesota Ave.: East River Family Strengthening Collaborative

Ward 8 Centers and Organizations

- Woodland Terrace: Smart from the Start
- Anacostia: Martha's Table
- Congress Heights: Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative
- Washington Highlands: A Wider Circle
- Bellevue: Community of Hope

Families from anywhere in DC can access services and build new relationships at any of the ten centers. Services are rooted in five “protective factors” to empower communities and families, modeled after work by the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the National Family Support Network.



PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR FAMILY SUCCESS



PARENTAL RESILIENCE



SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



CONCRETE SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED



KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE OF CHILDREN



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