

A COMMITMENT TO FAMILY SUCCESS



Life Deeds operates the **Stoddert Terrace/37th Place SE Family Success Center in Ward 7**, where community members access services that aid in the improvement of quality of life and programming committed to stable families.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER?

The Stoddert Terrace/37th Place SE Family Success Center is a convenient neighborhood location where residents and community members can access needed services, resources, and assistance that contribute to an improved quality of life for the Stoddert Terrace community families. The center is supported by a team of caring, committed, trained, knowledgeable, community-oriented staff. We're part of a network of ten neighborhood-based Family Success Centers under Mayor Bowser's Families First DC Initiative.

WHY SHOULD I CONNECT WITH THE CENTER?

The Stoddert Terrace/37th Place SE Family Success Center provides family engagement to support access and successful navigation with District of Columbia services, resources, and family stabilizing programming. Families will find:

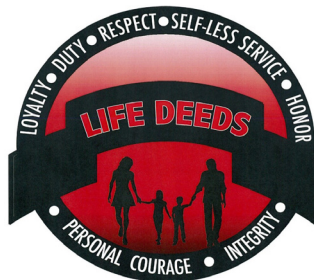
- Direct family engagement that includes assistance, guidance, referrals, accountability, and follow-up with services.
- Service activities that emphasize the family's voice when designing action steps and accessing District services.
- Quick and easy access to services and programming by appointment, walk-in, or scheduled calendar activity.
- Connection to resources like housing services, educational support services, health and well-being, workforce development and job readiness, financial education services, computer literacy programs, returning citizens programming, and a host of other services that aid in family stabilization.
- Opportunities for youth in the areas of mentoring, entrepreneurship, college enrollment, and academic support services.
- Cross-generational support services for seniors and families and program activities that promote communication, family rebuilding, stabilization, and reunification.

ABOUT LIFE DEEDS

Life Deeds was created by Executive Director, Retired Army Captain, Allieu Kamara in 2009 when he returned from his enlistment to observe the District in need of services for at-risk youth, the homeless population, and under-served low-income families. Since 2009, Life Deeds has served over 3,000 youth and families in the Washington Metropolitan area. Life Deeds programs include mentoring, homeless services, after-school programs, substance abuse education and prevention, independent living programs, group homes, restorative justice programming, violence intervention, individual and family counseling. Our services promote successful families and a strong healthy community at no cost to the families and individuals we serve.

"OUR GOAL IS TO EQUIP PEOPLE WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO LIVE HEALTHY, STABLE LIVES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. LIFE DEEDS IS A PART OF THE WASHINGTON, DC WARD 7 COMMUNITY. WE TAKE OUR MISSION AND OUR ROLE IN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SERIOUSLY—PROVIDING SERVICES TO OUR PARTICIPANTS WITH CARE AND INTENTION AS IF THEY WERE OUR OWN FAMILIES."

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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



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