

WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME YOU!



The Woodland Terrace Family Success Center is a warm, welcoming new place for families in Ward 8. The Center builds on Smart from the Start's commitment to meeting the needs of families, while providing assistance in setting and achieving goals for family stability, self-sufficiency and growth.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER?

The Smart from the Start, Woodland Terrace Family Success Center is part of a network of ten success centers located in neighborhoods across Wards 7 and 8 and operated by organizations that our communities know and trust.

Each center in our network is a bit different based on where it's located and who runs it. Our Center is staffed by people who know and love residents in and around the Woodland neighborhood and who are ready to serve anyone from across the city who comes through our doors.

WHY SHOULD I CONNECT WITH THE CENTER?

The Woodland Terrace Center will help you access the resources you and your family need. By connecting with the Center, you will be able to access:

- Resources, tools and supports for every member of your family;
- Connections to resources like housing, financial literacy, healthcare, legal advocacy, and more;
- Interesting and informative workshops and trainings;
- Fun and engaging family activities and events;
- Adult Education, employment and career training and placement opportunities;
- Programming to improve emotional wellness and address mental health needs;
- Community leadership and empowerment programming;
- Opportunities for youth to access tutoring, recreation, employment, and much more.

ABOUT SMART FROM THE START

Smart from the Start (Smart) is a family and community driven organization committed to empowering and uplifting the Greater Woodland Community. We are a trauma-informed, multi-generational family support and community engagement organization with a mission to promote the healthy development of young children and families living in the most underserved communities of Boston and Washington, DC. Our strengths-based, culturally reflective approach reaches out to families and empowers them with the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive. For more than 8 years, Smart from the Start has partnered with residents, community leaders, organizations and agencies to promote youth development in housing developments in Southeast Washington, DC.

DON'T WAIT! CONNECT WITH US AND GET ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS TODAY.



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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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