

# PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST IN DC

## FAMILIES FIRST DC SNAPSHOT



### What is Families First DC?

Families First DC is an initiative by Mayor Muriel Bowser focused on families in Wards 7 and 8. It's a neighborhood-based, whole family approach to provide upstream, primary prevention services and neighborhood driven resources. The initiative aims to empower communities and families, integrate government services and programs to build on family strengths.

### How will communities be empowered, what neighborhoods and why?

Families First DC will provide grants to establish community-based organizations that will drive the placed-based services based upon the needs by launching Family Success Centers in five communities in Ward 7 and five in Ward 8. These focused areas were selected based on social determinants of health data, violence prevention priority areas, and substantiated reports on child abuse and neglect.

#### Ward 7 neighborhoods

- Benning Terrace/Benning Park
- Clay Terrace
- Mayfair/Paradise
- Stoddart Terrace/37<sup>th</sup> St.
- Benning Rd. & Minnesota Ave.

#### Ward 8 neighborhoods

- Woodland Terrace
- Anacostia
- Congress Heights
- Washington Highlands
- Bellevue

### How can families get involved and be a part of the decision-making process?

Each neighborhood will establish a Community Advisory Council which will consist of residents and stakeholders in the targeted community to determine the services offered at the Family Success Centers using a family strengthening model to increase protective factors, mitigate trauma, fill in gaps in services, and set families up for successful outcomes.

### What's next?

The grantees will be announced in December 2019. The planning phase will begin January 2020 through September 2020. The centers will officially open October 2020. The Family Success Centers will provide a warm, welcoming and positive environment for all District residents. They will be a place for peace, optimism, and purpose where everyone's safe, meeting their short and long-term goals, and thriving in life.

### Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, visit [cfsa.dc.gov/familyfirst](https://cfsa.dc.gov/familyfirst).

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