



# SUCCESS WITHIN REACH

The Family Success Center at Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue is a new place for families in Ward 7 to find resources and services to help them thrive, especially in this challenging time. The Center builds on East River Family Strengthening Collaborative’s commitment to equip Ward 7 communities with the tools and skills to dramatically increase individual self-sufficiency and family stabilization.

## WHAT IS THE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER?

The Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue is run by the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, 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 the neighborhood residents in and around Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue and who are ready to serve anyone from across the city who comes through our doors.

## WHY SHOULD I CONNECT WITH THE CENTER?

The Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue will help you access the resources you and your family need. By connecting with the Center, you will find:

- Quick and flexible services and referrals for everyone; including families, youth, seniors, fathers, men and boys, singles, and the LGBTQ community.
- Connections to resources like housing, employment training and placement, healthcare, education, and more.
- Learning opportunities to strengthen parenting skills, find new mentors, and socialize with other families.
- Programming to improve emotional wellness and address trauma, various types of violence, and mental health needs.
- Opportunities for youth to access tutoring, recreation, employment, and much more.

## ABOUT EAST RIVER FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE

The mission of East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc. (ERFSC) is to empower families, youth, seniors and communities to become more self-sufficient through integrated and collaborative community based services utilizing evidence based practices that are family focused and person-centered. We collaborate with community residents and organizations (public and private) to deliver services that enhance family functioning in the Ward 7 community, including case management, family and youth services, parent education and support, housing and financial literacy support, and more.

**We believe in you and your family.  
How can we help? 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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