

Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaborative Council

Overview

Collaboratives

There are five Collaboratives operating in the District of Columbia. Each Collaborative is an independent 501(c)(3) led by a community-based board of directors. The Collaboratives are:

- [Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative](#)
- [East River Family Strengthening Collaborative](#)
- [Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative](#)
- [Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative](#)
- [Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative](#)

In addition, youth can receive aftercare services from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of D.C. (<http://casadc.org/>).

Vision/Mission

Each Collaborative draws on the unique capabilities and services found within its network of service providers to assist at-risk children and families. There is a set of core neighborhood-based prevention services that each Collaborative provides.

The Collaboratives' vision is to develop and sustain a seamless network of community partners throughout the District of Columbia that work to build strong families and supportive communities in which children, youth, and adults can safely and productively reside and thrive. The Collaboratives base their work with children and families on the shared principles listed below.

- Commitment to children
- Respect for families
- Community partnership
- High quality, flexible, and responsive services
- Accountability

How Youth Get Referred to the Collaborative

For aging out youth, the social worker should refer the youth to aftercare services (through the collaboratives or through CASA), when the youth is 19 ½ years old. The youth is then eligible for services for two calendar years after their 21st birthday. See Child and Family Services Agency Policy, "Older Youth Services", April 29, 2014.

Source: <http://dccollaboratives.org/the-collaboratives/>

District of Columbia Collaboratives

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Name/Contact Information	Area/ Population Served	Services/Programs
<p>Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative (Collaborative Solutions for Communities)</p> <p>1816 12th Street NW Suite 201 Washington, DC 20009 202-518-6737 (p) 202-319-0946 (f) info@chsfc.org http://chsfc.org/</p>	<p>Wards 1 and 2</p> <p>Bilingual services (Spanish and English)</p>	<p>“Youth Aftercare Services” (contact: Penelope Griffith, executive director: pgriffith@wearecsc.org or 202-518-6737). Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case management ▪ Assistance with achieving educational or vocational goals ▪ Referrals for services ▪ Assistance with finding affordable housing ▪ Help with accessing Rapid Housing funds ▪ Family group conferences/help bring together family supports ▪ Short-term counseling ▪ Groups <p>“Youth Violence Prevention Program”: works to reduce youth violence and violent crime by engaging high-risk youth (ages 14-24) and their families in evidence-based prevention and intervention activities. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy/outreach ▪ Community education campaigns ▪ Group sessions/ workshops ▪ Engage/redirect youth to positive development opportunities (i.e. educational and vocational services) ▪ Solution-focused brief therapy ▪ Mediation <p>“Fatherhood Empowerment Education Development (FEED)”: services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management: help fathers obtain/retain/remove barriers to employment ▪ Quenching the Father’s Thirst: help fathers improve outlook toward fatherhood/help develop positive co-parenting ▪ Healthy Marriage/Relationship: help fathers and significant others develop healthier partnership/home-life for children

		<p>“Family Services Division” (contact: Silvia Diaz: sdiaz@chsfsc.org or 202-518-6737). Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comprehensive assessments ▪ Service referrals ▪ Case management ▪ Short-term therapy ▪ Home-based visitation ▪ Family advocacy ▪ Family group decision making meetings ▪ Truancy prevention/intervention ▪ Parenting education/parental support (lead parenting classes in Ward 1 and also classes in Spanish throughout D.C.) ▪ Facilitate access to/assistance with housing/utilities/emergency provision of food and clothing/employment <p>“Workforce Development Program”: works with returning citizens/unemployed/under employed. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job readiness training ▪ On-the-job training ▪ Job placement ▪ Case management/wrap around services ▪ Ongoing personal/professional support services ▪ Life skills training (education/family support/financial planning and management/healthcare assistance/access to housing) <p>“Progressive Employment Program”: trains 40 returning citizens to increase their employability skills and place them into unsubsidized jobs through a Justice Grant Administration. Staff creates/maintains partnerships with employers to secure subsidized job placements. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program/case management ▪ Education services ▪ Job development ▪ Orientation ▪ Assessment/evaluation screening ▪ Three week job readiness/life skills training workshop
East River Family Strengthening Collaborative	Ward 7 Families at	“Youth Programs and Services”(contact: Rashida Bey) : Youth are referred to a collaborative worker by their social worker at age 19.5. The collaborative worker will start attending YTP meetings/working with the youth no later than 90 days before the youth ages out. Youth can come to the collaborative for services up until age 23.

<p>3917 Minnesota Avenue NE Washington, DC 20019 202-397-7300 (p) (extension 226 for intake) 202-329-1664 (after hours emergency) 202-397-7882 (f) http://www.erfsc.org/ 8:30am-7pm (M-Th); 8:30am-5pm (F). Some evenings and Saturday hours available</p> <p>Mae H. Best, LICSW (Executive Director) mbest@erfsc.org 202-397-7300, ext. 109 202-329-1662 (c)</p>	<p>risk of entering the DC child welfare system; families involved in the DC child welfare system; self-referrals</p>	<p>Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistance with working towards case plan goals – for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying housing • Identifying employment • Referrals for mental health services • Assistance for parenting youth (identification of respite services, daycare, educational services, etc.) ▪ Vocational/educational support and referrals ▪ Assistance applying for public benefits ▪ Leadership/ advocacy development ▪ Financial literacy/money management/budgeting ▪ Life skills development/self-sufficiency skills ▪ Summer camp and recreation activities ▪ College tours and support ▪ Conflict resolution ▪ Workforce development ▪ Youth Leadership Council <p>“Parenting Programs and Services”: Rita M. Smith-Stewart, LICSW (Director of Family and Youth Programs) rstewart@erfsc.org 202-397-7300, Ext. 105 301-343-5887 (c)</p> <p>Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parenting classes ▪ Parenting support groups ▪ Financial literacy/money management ▪ Workforce development/job fairs ▪ Life skills trainings ▪ Community leadership/advocacy development ▪ Turkey/toy giveaways <p>“Fatherhood Initiative”: Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management: intensive service and support program ▪ Quenching the Father’s Thirst: fathering support group ▪ WatchDOGS: school volunteering program
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<p>Edgewood/ Brookland Family Support Collaborative</p> <p>Main Office: 200 K Street NW Suite 1 & 3 Washington, DC 20001 202-832-9400 (p) 202-216-9263 (f) (intake walk-in hours: 9am-4pm)</p> <p>Edgewood Terrace Family Support Program: 611 Edgewood Street NE Suite 106 Washington, DC 20017 202-832-9400 (p) 202-529-1099 (f)</p> <p>Satellite Program at Browne Educational Campus 850 26th Street NE Washington, DC</p>	<p>Wards 5 and 6</p>	<p>“Youth Aftercare Services”: extended case management/partnership with CFSA for youth that have achieved reunification/adoption/guardianship/kinship placement/exiting out of foster care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katrina Allen, <i>Family Services Coordinator</i> 202-832-9400 ext.110 kallen@ebfsc.org <p>“Youth Program”: support/enhance services to at-risk youth in the collaborative area. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case management services for youth ages 14-24 who are either gang/crew involved; truant/experiencing educational challenges; offenders (current or former) or exposed to violence. Partnership with Sasha Bruce and Beacon House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact: LaShone Bell, <i>Community Engagement Coordinator</i> 202-832-9400 ext.105 lbell@ebfsc.org ▪ Peer mediation group at Browne Educational Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact: LaShone Bell, <i>Community Engagement Coordinator</i> 202-832-9400 ext.105 lbell@ebfsc.org ▪ Bridge Builders Coalition: supports youth returning to community from juvenile justice system and their families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact: Kristine DuPree, <i>Family Services Coordinator</i> 202-832-9400 ext.113 kdupree@ebfsc.org <p>“Family Preservation and Support Program”: services aimed at reducing incidence/recurrence of child abuse and neglect for families in need of community supports/at risk of child maltreatment. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact: Ronald E. Smith, <i>Program Director (Family Services)</i> 202-832-9400 ext. 130 rsmith@ebfsc.org ▪ Partnership for Community Based Services (collaboration between CFSA and collaborative staff to provide case management to families who are actively involved in the child welfare system/have a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect)

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- Contact: Ronald E. Smith, Program Director (Family Services)
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- Housing and Homelessness Services (case management; family stabilization; budget planning and management; emergency services; rental subsidy; household maintenance; housing advocacy and placement)

- Contact: Ronald E. Smith, Program Director (Family Services)
202-832-9400 ext. 130
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- Family Team Meeting Coordination

- Contact: Kristine DuPree, Family Services Coordinator
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“Fatherhood Empowerment Education Development (FEED)”: services provided:

- Case management
- Links to employment, housing, and resources
- “Quenching the Father’s Thirst”: twelve-week training program to help fathers form more meaningful connections with their children
 - Contact: Ronald E. Smith, Program Director (Family Services)
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“Employment Services”

- Contact: Scott Perry, *Employment Coordinator*
202-832-9400
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“Parent Education and Support”: offer parenting classes in the community

- LaShone Bell, *Community Engagement Coordinator*
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In addition, provide referrals for job training and employment; youth programs; substance abuse treatment; mental health treatment; childcare; and emergency assistance for utilities and rent

<p>Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc.</p> <p>2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE Suite 304 Washington, DC 20020 202-889-1425 (p) 202-889-2213 (f) http://www.fsfsc.org/</p> <p>Satellite Office: Barry Farm Family Support Center 1140 Eaton Road SE Washington, DC 20020 202-889-1846 (p) 202-889-1849 (f)</p>	<p>Ward 8</p>	<p>Youth Aftercare Program (YAP): youth aged 16-21 that will age out of D.C. foster care within six months or less. Must be moving to or currently residing in Ward 8. Social worker must submit referral. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case management (assessment of needs/development of action plan/monitoring of service delivery and engagement/advocacy/documented case progress) ▪ Employment development ▪ Housing resources ▪ Vocational training ▪ Post-secondary education resources ▪ Life skills management ▪ Referrals for mental health services <p>Rapid Housing Program: short term housing subsidies for families whose lack of affordable housing is the main barrier to family stabilization/children exiting foster care AND youth transitioning out of foster care. Program provides case management, budget management, rental subsidy, household maintenance, and family stabilization/self-sufficiency. Referring social worker or family support worker must complete intake</p> <p>Digital Connectors: assists youth ages 14-21 who attend Ward 8 schools in exploring careers in technology, telecommunications, and digital arts</p> <p>Care Coordination and Diversion Program (referrals from DBH): provide service to families with children with mental health issues (family assessment/teaming/advocacy/visitation/services/support)</p> <p>Men and Boys Program: to be eligible, must have children under the age of 18 that live within a 20 mile radius of D.C.; available to non-custodial fathers. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case management ▪ Fatherhood Educational Empowerment Development (FEED) ▪ WatchDog DADS ▪ Quenching the Father’s Thirst Fatherhood Empowerment Program <p>Milestones Supervised Visitation Program: available to family involved with CFSA with court-ordered visitation</p> <p>Partnership for Community-Based Services: collaboration with CFSA to provide services for families in CFSA involved cases</p> <p>Short Term Crisis: intensive services provided to families during CPS investigation</p>
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<p>Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative</p> <p>1104 Allison Street NW Washington, DC 20011 202-722-1815 (p) 202-722-4561 (f) http://gafsc-dc.org/</p> <p>Family Service Center I: 4420 Georgia Avenue NW Washington, DC 20011 202-722-1815 (p) 202-722-2485 (f)</p> <p>Family Service Center II: 508 Kennedy Street NW Washington, DC 20011</p>	<p>Ward 4</p>	<p>Case Management: available for parents/guardians and/or individuals referred by CFSA. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial assessment to determine family’s needs/resources ▪ Case plan creation ▪ Housing support ▪ Home visits by a family support worker ▪ Family team meetings <p>Information and Referral: link families and individuals to agencies that assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency assistance for utilities/rent ▪ Vocational training/employment ▪ Youth programs ▪ Substance abuse treatment ▪ Mental health treatment ▪ Childcare ▪ Adult education <p>“Parent Empowerment Program”: Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parenting classes ▪ Parent support group (Concerned Parents of Petworth) ▪ Workshops and parent-child outings (parent forums; group activities; retreats) <p>“Fatherhood Empowerment Education Development (FEED)”: Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support services: case management and referrals to employment/housing/resources ▪ “Quenching the Father’s Thirst”: 12-week training program for fathers ▪ Training social services agency to enhance focus on fathers and children

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“Care Coordination and Diversion Program (CCDP)”: provides teaming and support to youth under 21 with a mental health diagnosis in order to divert them from out-of-home placement in residential treatment or involvement in the foster care or juvenile justice systems

“Progressive Life Center Soronko House”: provides services (case management/discharge planning/resource referrals) to youth being stepped down from DYRS residential placements

“Family Rehousing and Stabilization Program”: provides up to twelve months of rental assistance to families who are homeless but can demonstrate an ability to live independently within twelve months

“Show Up, Stand Out”: works to reduce truancy in grades K-8 in certain DCPS schools (see website). Services provided:

- Family support
- Service referrals
- Parent education
- Youth groups