

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:

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

Vision/Mission

Each Collaborative draws on the unique capabilities and services within its network of service providers to assist at-risk children and families, while also providing a set of core neighborhood-based prevention services.

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

District of Columbia Collaboratives

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Name/Contact Information	Area/ Population Served	Services/Programs
<p>Collaborative Solutions for Communities (Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative)</p> <p>3333 14th St NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20010 202-518-6737 (p) 202-319-0946 (f) http://wearecsc.org/</p>	<p>Wards 1 and 2</p> <p>Bilingual services (Spanish and English)</p>	<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. (Contact: Tanya Pickett)</p> <p>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>“Family Services Division” (Contact: Yvonne Doerre). 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 (parenting classes in Ward 1 and also classes in Spanish throughout DC) ▪ Facilitate access to/assistance with housing/utilities/emergency provision of food and clothing/employment <p>“Workforce Development Program”: (Contact: James LeBlanc and Shelly Miles) 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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Life skills training (education/family support/financial planning and management/healthcare assistance/access to housing) <p>“Progressive Employment Program”: (Contact: James LeBlanc and Shelly Miles) trains 40 returning citizens to increase their employability skills and place them into unsubsidized jobs through the 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
<p>East River Family Strengthening Collaborative</p> <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>Ward 7</p> <p>Families at risk of entering the DC child welfare system; families involved in the DC child welfare system; self-referrals</p>	<p>“Parenting Programs and Services”: (contact: Irwin Royster, 202-397-7300, Ext. 239).</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>“Family Services”: goal is to reduce out-of-home placements for children in order to keep families together; maximize family self-sufficiency; and reduce the number of substantiated child abuse and neglect cases. (Contact: Artherello West, awest@erfsc.org, 202-397-7300, Ext. 126).</p> <p>Divisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Information and Referral for community services (*for individuals who have elected not to receive case management through collaborative or are not eligible for collaborative services) 2) Community General: provides intensive, home-based case management services to families to prevent involvement with the child welfare system (families are not yet actively involved with the child welfare system) 3) Community Diverted: provides intensive, home-based case management services to families who have initially come into contact with the child welfare system, but were assessed to be low-to-moderate risk of child maltreatment 4) Short Term Crisis Support: during CPS investigation to stabilize family/ prevent removal. Services (i.e. rent/ utility assistance; short-term housing accommodations; food provision) are provided for up to 30 days.

<p>Mae H. Best, LICSW (Executive Director) mbest@erfsc.org 202-397-7300, ext. 109 202-329-1662 (c)</p>		<p>5) System Transformation: case management/housing relocation for homeless families with children that previously resided in temporary family shelters in D.C.</p> <p>“Community Services Division”: aim is to increase capacity/participation/knowledge of community and service providers in prevention of child abuse and neglect. (Contact: Rosie Parke, rparke@erfsc.org) Provide services around community engagement (trainings, presentations, meetings, and outreach related to strengthening families and children) and staff/partner development.</p> <p>“Workforce Development Program”: services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teaches life skills and soft skills necessary for employment success. <p>“Targeted Neighborhood Initiative”: creates educational awareness/provide services to communities with high reported rates of child abuse and neglect, with the goal of reducing incidents.</p> <p>“Keen Seniors Program” : provides counseling services, case management, transportation, home-based meals, meals at the center, weekend nutrition program, exercise and nutrition classes</p>
<p>Edgewood/ Brookland Family Support Collaborative</p> <p>Main Office: 611 Edgewood Street NE Suite 25 Washington, DC 20017 202-832-9400 (p) 202-216-9263 (f) http://ebfsc.org/</p>	<p>Wards 5 and 6</p>	<p>“Youth Program”: support/enhance services to at-risk youth in the collaborative area. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available at Jefferson Middle School Academy, Browne Education Campus, Amidon Bowen Elementary. Call collaborative (202) 832-9400 for more information. <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 ▪ 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) ▪ Housing and Homelessness Services (case management; family stabilization; budget planning and management; emergency services; rental subsidy; household maintenance; housing advocacy and placement) ▪ Family Team Meeting Coordination <p>“Employment Services”: interview techniques, resume writing, job placement, job retention support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact: Scott Perry, <i>Program Coordinator</i>, 202-832-9400, ext. 127, sperry@ebfsc.org <p>“Parent Education and Support”: offers parenting classes in the community</p>

		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 4th Floor Washington, DC 20020 202-889-1425 (p) 202-889-2213 (f) http://www.fsfsc.org/</p> <p>Community Impact Center: Barry Farm – 1140 Eaton Rd, SE Garfield Hills – 2435 Alabama Ace, SE Atlantic Homes- 4313 3rd Street, SE Malcolm X Opportunity Center – 1351 Alabama Ave, SE</p>	Ward 8	<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>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 ▪ 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> <p>Family Re-Housing and Stabilization Program (FRSP): DHS program designed to provide short-term rental assistance to homeless families in DC. Rental Subsidies are provided for up to 12 months. Clients work with case managers to set goals for greater housing and economic self-sufficiency. Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment preparation ▪ Housing search assistance ▪ Transportation Assistance ▪ Referrals to mental health services ▪ Educational or vocational training
Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative	Ward 4	<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 Service
Center I:
4420 Georgia
Avenue NW
Washington, DC
20011
202-722-1815 (p)
202-722-2485 (f)
Walk-ins ok.
[http://gafsc-
dc.org/](http://gafsc-dc.org/)

- Family team meetings

Information and Referral: link families and individuals to agencies that assist with:

- Emergency assistance for utilities/rent
- Vocational training/employment
- Youth programs
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health treatment
- Childcare
- Adult education

“Parent Empowerment Program”: Services provided:

- Parenting classes

“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. Must be referred by Virginia Williams.

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

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