The Clay Terrace Family Success Center is a place for families in Ward 7 to find resources and services to help them thrive, especially in this challenging time. The Center builds on Sasha Bruce Youthwork’s commitment to prevent youth homelessness and provide people with the means to find safe homes, achieve and maintain good physical and mental health, and create and strengthen supportive and stable families.

**WHAT IS THE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER?**

The Clay Terrace Center is run by Sasha Bruce Youthwork, 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 Clay Terrace and who are ready to serve anyone from across the city who comes through our doors.

**WHY SHOULD I CONNECT WITH THE CENTER?**

The Clay Terrace Center 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.
- Connections to resources like housing, employment training and placement, healthcare, education, and more.
- Learning opportunities to strengthen parenting skills, find new mentors, increase positive interactions between parents, guardians, and children, and socialize with other families.
- Programming to improve emotional wellness and address mental health needs.
- Opportunities for youth to access tutoring, recreation, employment, and much more.

**ABOUT SASHA BRUCE YOUTHWORK**

The mission of Sasha Bruce Youthwork is to improve the lives of runaway, homeless, abused, and neglected at-risk youth and their families in the Washington area. We achieve this by providing shelter, counseling, life skills training and positive youth development activities to approximately 1,500 youth and 5,000 family members each year.

Serving a community where systems are broken, and young people and their families are struggling to overcome obstacles, SBY uses proven youth development practices to help youth find new ways of surviving, thriving, and realizing success.
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
• Stoddart 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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