

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Mayor Muriel Bowser's Families First DC Initiative is designed to disrupt the way services are provided where barriers to well-being, economic opportunity, and achievement are most acute. The Initiative, which is coordinated by the DC Child and Family Services Agency, launched 10 Family Success Centers in Wards 7 and 8 in October 2020. An additional site was added 2022.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 2020
- Year joined NFSN: 2020
- Network type: Public Funder-Coordinated

Highlights

- The Family Success Centers continued to strengthen communities and families, integrate services, and focus on upstream prevention.
- The Family Success Centers continued to explore ways to assess well-being, and work across the District on developing a child and family well-being system.

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Securing/raising funds that are distributed to Members
- Marketing/public awareness activities
- Shared data management system



Standards of Quality Implementation



STANDARDS TRAINERS

6

CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

9

CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

166

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Network Mission Statement:

To create a holistic, family-strengthening model that increases the protective factors through Family Success Centers that empowers the community, integrates services, and focuses on upstream prevention.

Members

- FRCs in state statute since: 2019
- Number of Members: 8 members with 11 Community-Based FRCs
- Families served: more than 25,000
- Funding: \$3,575,000
- Funding sources:
 - Mayoral Initiative
 - Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Education Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities



Outcomes

- Since the launch in October 2020, more than 25,000 families have been served.
- The percentage of service requests met is 80%.
- Families rate their satisfaction with services at least 8 out of 10.

