Community Family Life SERVICES

Celebrating 55 years of fostering hope and success

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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CFLS Memories

Former Executive Director, 2006-2015

I have so many memories from seeing clients become self sufficient, winning grants and establishing new programs, and inheriting a financial deficit and retiring and leaving a surplus of one year in operational expenses. My favorite memory comes from our summer environmental camp where the youth participated in an experimental environmental program "What Is Good In My Hood" under the direction of Aminata Ahmadu." They created a healthy urban ecosystem to improve their communities. My 2nd favorite memory is another experimental program for returning citizens. I developed and taught an intensive success program using Napoleon Hills Laws of Success. Everyone graduated and many persons were able to create opportunities for themselves. At the graduation ceremony so many family members came and mothers were crying stating my son has never finished anything. At CFLS, children, individuals and families left better off than when they arrived.

Former Manager of Youth Services

As the Manager of Youth Services, I was inspired to join the CFLS community to uplift and support under-served communities, in particular, young people of color.

My fondest memory of CFLS is watching the youth thrive as a direct result of innovatively securing grants and partnerships with Claudia Thorne (Executive Director at the time), who taught the youth to nurture and take pride in themselves and their communities.

Our partnerships with Groundwork Anacostia River DC, who led experiential learning in environmental stewardship, and Loving Yourself Through Creative Expressions (L.Y.T.C.E.), which provided therapeutic art and catalyzed their positive, continuous growth.

About Us

For FIFTY FIVE years, we have walked alongside women on their redemptive journeys of homelessness and incarceration. Together, let's renew our dedication to serving our community with passion, empathy, and purpose, ensuring that the next 55 years are even more impactful than the last.

VISION

CFLS envisions a world that through supporting successful reintegration of justice-involved women, we will reduce incidents of domestic violence, decrease homelessness and increase family stability.

MISSION

- Support the needs of female returning citizens both before, during and after incarceration
- Provide services to alleviate homelessness and overcome barriers to reintegration
- Educate our internal and external stakeholders
- Identify and raise resources for our clients and the work of CFLS

VALUES

- The dignity and worth of the whole person
- Meeting people where they are
- Focus on individuals and families
- Self-care and professional development for our staff, and community service providers
- Reading, writing and literacy as a core to clients becoming their own advocates

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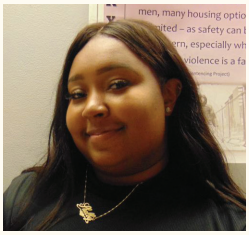


SHELBY WALLINGTON
Director of Housing & Wellness

CFLS SUPPORTERS

GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

- Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants
- DC Department of Behavioral Health
- Department of Health (HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & Tuberculosis Administration)
- Child and Family Services Agency

FOUNDATIONS

- The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
- William S. Abell Foundation
- Meyer Foundation
- Capital One Bank
- Junior League of Washington
- DC Share Fund
- Insperity
- National Capital Bank

55 years of fostering hope and success

1969–1980's

FOUNDING AND EARLY YEARS

Founded in 1969 as a faith-based outreach of First Trinity Lutheran Church in Washington, D.C., CFLS began by providing emergency assistance—food, clothing, and temporary shelter—to low-income families. As homelessness and systemic poverty grew in the District during the 1970s and 1980s, CFLS expanded to offer case management and employment support, helping clients work toward long-term stability.

parenting event circa 2012

Our ROC Parent Center successfully completes their year-long workshops

1990s–2000s

BROADENING SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, CFLS remained focused on addressing homelessness and family instability. Programs centered on family engagement, mentoring, and supportive services to help parents and children build stronger, more resilient households.

2016–PRESENT

EXPANDING INTO REENTRY SERVICES

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by justice-involved women, CFLS expanded its mission in 2016 to formally include reentry services for returning citizens. Many women reentering society following a period of incarceration faced significant barriers, including unstable housing, unemployment, and a lack of support networks. In response, CFLS developed gender-responsive, trauma-informed reentry programs. As client needs evolved, CFLS deepened its commitment to holistic, trauma-informed services. Programs expanded to include:

- Parenting support for justice-involv mothers seeking reunification with their children
- Financial literacy and employmer readiness programs to promote economic independence
- Health and wellness education, including behavioral health and trauma recovery services.
- Transitional housing and case management
- Legal supports

By the 2020s, CFLS had established itself as a leader in reentry services for women in Washington, D.C., addressing challenges like housing, domestic violence, homelessness, and generational poverty.

Advocacy: CFLS testifies at public hearings before the Council of the District of Columbia on issues related to the justice system, homelessness, and domestic violence, among others. We engage with legislators ensuring the directly impacted population has an avenue to share first-hand experience that can inform policy and practice.

Resources: Clients who have chronic health challenges, experienced domestic violence, who are homeless, or who have been to jail or prison often do not have the current information required to facilitate their forward movement.

- Launched in 2020, the Passport to Success App puts clients in charge of their own data, empowering them to have more control over their own life and their choices.
- Launched in 2023, CFLS placed community information kiosks throughout Washington, DC so reentry women and women who have been victims of domestic violence can stay connected to care and supports.

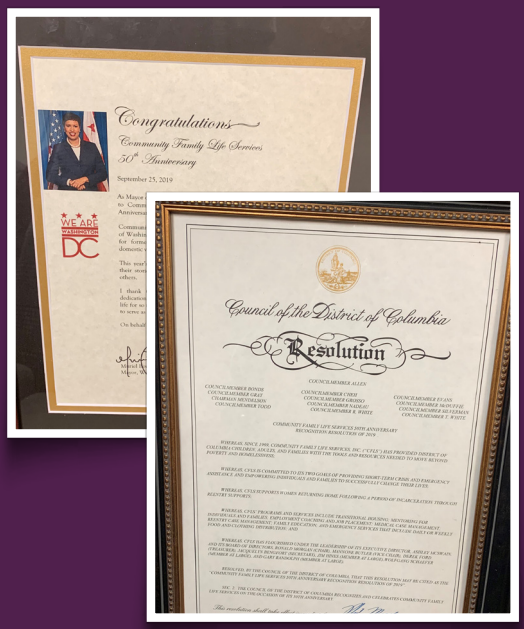
Education: CFLS provides a comprehensive continuum of programs with a key component to educate its clients on a myriad of topics to help them become self-sufficient.

- Our Financial Literacy/Home Buyer Program teaches clients to budget and save to gain financial stability in order to permanently maintain their housing.
- We Got You Covered Workshops are a status neutral approach to HIV education, testing and treatment that emphasizes a continuum of care no matter if a woman is HIV negative or positive.
- Safer Sex and Testing Parties are dedicated to not only eliminating the HIV/AIDS stigma and promoting prevention, but also sustaining the lives of individuals living with HIV/AIDS.
- Monthly Know Your Rights Seminars are hosted by the Legal Department to engage directly with the community while teaching the ins and outs of various legal topics.

2019

50TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

- CFLS was honored by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser and the Council of the District of Columbia. Mayor Bowser wrote a thoughtful congratulatory letter, highlighting our commitment to serving Washington, DC's most vulnerable citizens, including reentry services for formerly incarcerated women, support for women experiencing domestic violence, and for families living in poverty.
- Under the leadership of Councilmember Charles Allen, the Council of the District of Columbia unanimously passed the "Community Family Life Services 50th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019." The Resolution declares that the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates CFLS on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.



Looking Ahead...

The future of our organization is bright and is filled with potential. We envision a community where every woman and her family can thrive and be supported by compressive programs that address her unique needs.

This year alone we served 587 clients in our community.

Together, we will build on our legacy and continue a tangible difference in the lives women reentering society.

Together, we will create a future where of empowerment, hope, and transformation are not just aspirations, but they are realities for all the women that we serve. Thank you for your commitment to our mission.

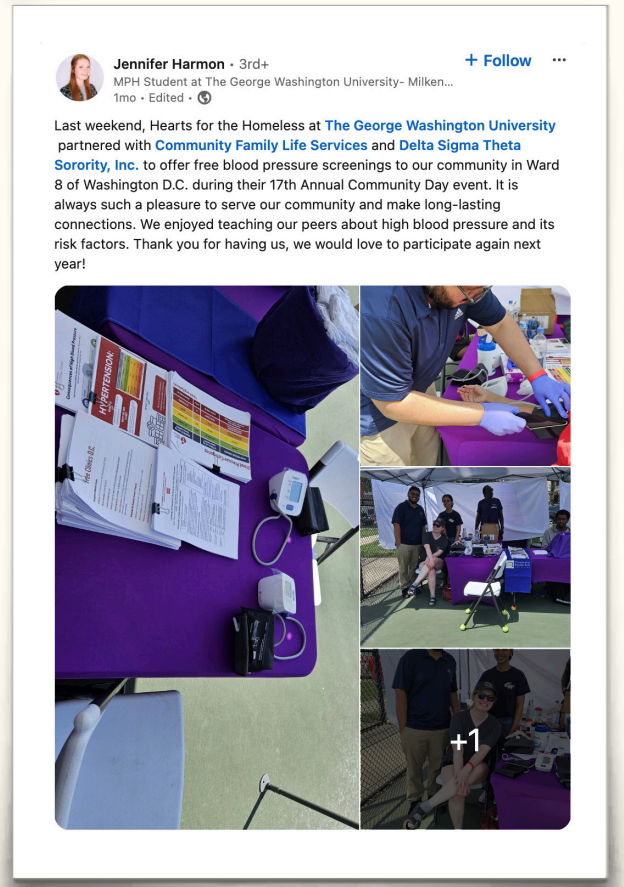
—Shena McFadden-Brimage, MS
Executive Director

Volunteer Impact

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE 37 VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATED 309 HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO US THIS YEAR!

CFLS was founded by caring volunteers and continues to thrive and grow thanks to a vibrant and compassionate volunteer and donor community. Together, we can serve our community with passion, empathy, and purpose ensuring the next 55 years are even more impactful than the last!

On March 17, 2024 we were grateful to have Barber Tia King volunteer her time and talent to provide free haircuts to our male clients at Milestone Place.



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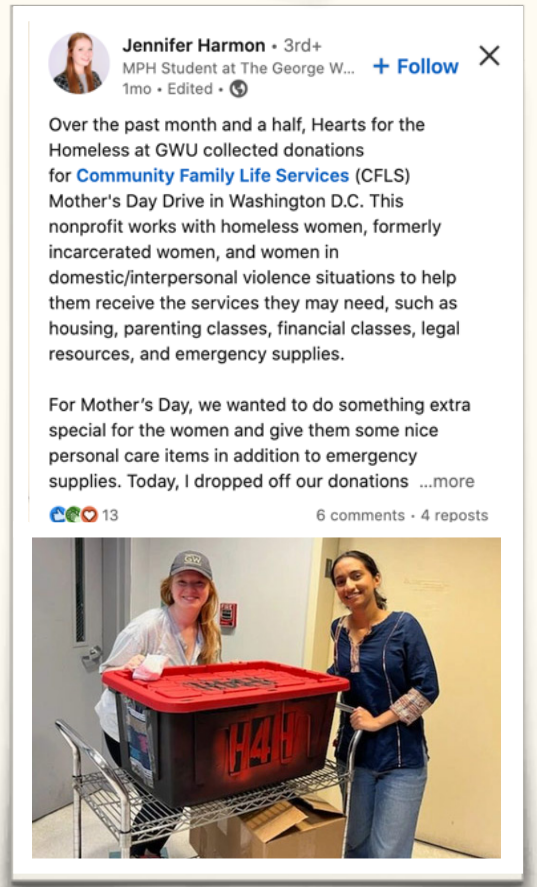
Last weekend, Hearts for the Homeless at The George Washington University partnered with Community Family Life Services and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to offer free blood pressure screenings to our community in Ward 8 of Washington D.C. during their 17th Annual Community Day event. It is always such a pleasure to serve our community and make long-lasting connections. We enjoyed teaching our peers about high blood pressure and its risk factors. Thank you for having us, we would love to participate again next year!



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Over the past month and a half, Hearts for the Homeless at GWU collected donations for Community Family Life Services (CFLS) Mother's Day Drive in Washington D.C. This nonprofit works with homeless women, formerly incarcerated women, and women in domestic/interpersonal violence situations to help them receive the services they may need, such as housing, parenting classes, financial classes, legal resources, and emergency supplies.

For Mother's Day, we wanted to do something extra special for the women and give them some nice personal care items in addition to emergency supplies. Today, I dropped off our donations ...more

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EMERGENCY SERVICES
established 1969

DROP-IN CENTER

CFLS began providing emergency assistance—food, clothing, and temporary shelter—to low-income families in 1969. Today, CFLS continues to provide emergency food and clothing to homeless and low-income families and individuals, as well as women returning home from a period of incarceration. Our Drop-in Center serves clients in our programs with immediate and unexpected needs and caters to those with short term needs who may not need ongoing case management.

Reentry women (released from jail or prison within the past 6 months) are particularly encouraged to "drop in" to receive an HIV test, access hygiene items, use our clothing closet, and get connected with our broader services.

DIAPER PROGRAM

The cost of diapers puts an enormous financial strain on struggling families, and in many cases, families are forced to choose between diapers and basic necessities. **Since 2016, CFLS has partnered with the DC Diaper Bank. Through this unique collaboration, we were able to provide 1,975 diapers to 25 adults and 41 children to families in the Washington, DC metropolitan area this year.** We provide diapers to CFLS clients who are single parents, low income, or affected by domestic violence and/or the justice system.

CASE MANAGEMENT

As homelessness and systemic poverty grew in the District during the 1970s and 1980s, CFLS expanded to offer case management and employment support, helping clients work toward long-term stability.

CFLS supports women returning home following a period of incarceration, improving their quality of life by providing a continuum of care. The continuum of care leads to permanent housing, employment, healthy parental relationships and mental and physical health support. We provide a safe space so clients can rediscover their own self-worth and develop new habits that reinforce self-love and self-care to reduce recidivism and incidents of abuse and incarceration.

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

255 clients received services through the Drop-In Center

136 clients received case management

137 clients served with 805 bags of food

1 clients used our community kiosk at the Drop-In Center

131 clients served with clothing

1665 case management sessions were held

136 case management plans were created (including reentry plans, safety plans, long-term housing plans)

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
established 1970-80s

OVERVIEW

Since the1970s and 1980s, CFLS has continued to focus on employment support for its clients. Employment is one of the single most influential predictors that a person who has been incarcerated will remain out of prison, so today CFLS offers a myriad of employment services. To assist our clients in reaching their long-term goals of achieving quality employment, our programming includes virtual offerings to better address the barriers that they face when reintegrating into society after a period of incarceration. Services include:

- Assisting clients with implementing effective employment search strategies
- Writing resumes and developing career portfolios
- Facilitating career management and career decision-making workshops
- Working closely with new hire clients to ensure job retention and monthly outreach throughout the community
- Training workshops and skill development programs including courses, workshops, and vocational training to enhance or acquire relevant skills

CFLS engages with local businesses and community organizations in order to secure employment opportunities for clients. By maintaining these relationships and monitoring trends in the workplace, CFLS helps clients move toward a better future.

Community Computer Lounge

MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT CLINICS

Our Computer Lounge, located in our Drop-In Center, is a collaborative community workspace that hosts our monthly employment clinics for resume writing, developing interview skills with mock interviewing, discussing background checks and drug testing, and teaching basic computer literacy.

THE UNDERGROUND

Our entrepreneurship consultation program offers assistance with creating and executing a business plan. We assist in obtaining LLCs, publishing, marketing, setting up sales pages, and more.

Throughout the year, we offered monthly workshops for social media training and graphic design to help in marketing of new or existing small businesses.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS EVENT

On December 16, 2024, we provided clients with the opportunity to select professional attire for upcoming interviews from the CFLS Clothing Closet, located inside our Drop-In Center. **We were able to assist 7 clients with clothing and they also received a list of interview best practices.** Our goal was to empower clients with the confidence and resources they need to succeed in their job search and beyond.

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

36 clients received job readiness training

36 clients developed their career goals

24 clients found employment

9 employers have agreed to work with CFLS clients

5 clients demonstrated increased digital/computer literacy skills

9 clients started a business

4 clients registered their businesses legally

11 employment clinics conducted

5 computer literacy workshops hosted

PARENTING PROGRAM
established 1990s-2000s

PARENT EDUCATION & HOME VISITOR'S PROGRAM

The foundation of our Parenting and Home Visitation program lies in an evidence-based Nurturing Skills curriculum tailored to meet the unique needs of families. Our program is designed to offer a customized, competency-based parenting approach, specifically catering to individuals who have experienced domestic violence, parents seeking reunification with their children post-incarceration, and court-affected adults. The overarching objective is to bolster the stability of at-risk families, proactively preventing child abuse and neglect. We achieve this through the cultivation of nurturing parenting skills, facilitated during our weekly parenting group sessions and personalized home visits, aiming to fortify the vital child-parent bond.

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

74 clients participated in the parenting program

51 clients graduated from the parenting program demonstrating positive change

5 parenting workshops hosted

72 home visits conducted

family event circa 2013

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

CFLS has longstanding collaborations and partnerships with the following government agencies and community-based organizations:

- CSOSA
- DC Diaper Bank
- Fairview Halfway House
- Jubilee Housing *(Spanish speaking parents)*
- My Sister's Place
- DC Kincare Alliance
- House of Ruth
- Sasha Bruce/Olaiya's Cradle
- Junior League of Washington DC

ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BOOK BAG BASH EVENT

Beginning in 2018, CFLS has hosted its annual Back-to-School Book Bag Bash where we distribute book bags filled with school supplies and books. **We are so proud of this year's event held August 8-16, 2024 where we were able to give 73 book bags to the kids of CFLS clients to set them up for success in the new school year!**

HOUSING PROGRAMS
established 1990s-2000s

OVERVIEW

CFLS provides a comprehensive continuum of transitional housing for homeless women and families; and single room housing for previously homeless adults with low income. We serve single women and women with children who have been released from prison or jail within the last year or are within four months of being released. These programs are part of our interconnected web of services providing a safe, secure, and supportive place to live while our clients receive the supports and services they need to rebuild their lives.

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DBH) REENTRY HOUSING

CFLS utilizes a continuum of care framework to support clients with reducing barriers to successfully re-entering society, while promoting self-sufficiency and recovery of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Stimulant Use Disorder (SUD). Our program includes individual case management, skill development, individual substance abuse counseling, and other supportive services. This program includes 17 slots for women (for up to 6 months) and 5 slots for men with OUD and SUD.

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

265 total housing program referrals

23 clients served in DBH Reentry Housing

4 clients served in Emergency Housing

21 clients served in Milestone Place

2 clients served in scattered housing

MILESTONE PLACE

CFLS established a single room occupancy income based residence facility for 35 previously unhoused single adults with low income. Residents share common spaces including a lounge, dining areas, kitchens, and bathrooms. They also receive substance abuse counseling, relapse prevention support, employment counseling, and access to emergency services designed to prepare them to live fuller lives of self-empowerment and long-term sustainability.

IMPACT STORIES

What impact has Milestone and its programming had on your life?

"Milestone provided a place to live and impactful resources to improve my life. Milestone has been a great journey for me. The amazing case workers and staff have helped me alot. Milestone has helped with shelter, job readiness support, mental health support, building a plan, and so much more. Milestone staff has always been a helping hand for me. Thank you, Milestone."

— *Miranda*

"Milestone has had a great impact on my life. The program has taught me the importance of utilizing a calendar and applying patience. I am now capable of admitting and accepting the knowledge gained from my circumstances. It has allowed me to work to become a successful person once I complete the program.

When I complete the program, I would be able to help by reporting my success story and talking to other residents about how my patience allowed me to become successful. I would share how important sincerity is when in treatment and being honest with yourself and your Lord about changing your character and behavior, anger, attitude, etc."

— *Anthony*

HOUSING PROGRAMS
established 1990s-2000s

IMPACT STORY

Kudos to CFLS client, Ms. Veronica Smith, for closing on her first home in January 2024! Ms. Smith's realtor, Mattheu Mabry of The Jason Martin Group & Real Brokers, LLC, helped her on this over year long journey.

Ms. Smith has been a CFLS client since 2019. She completed the CFLS Financial Literacy Housing Program in 2020. We are so proud to celebrate with Ms. Smith on these tremendous achievements!

REENTRY EMERGENCY HOUSING

CFLS provides short-term (90-day) housing to women who are at risk for homelessness after being released from incarceration. The goal of the program is to facilitate a smooth transition for women returning home from prison and to improve their chances of having a successful reentry experience through improved access to emergency housing opportunities. While in the program, participants receive case management and other appropriate supportive services.

TRINITY ARMS

CFLS provides apartment-style housing to reentry women and survivors of domestic violence with children under 18. Clients must either have custody of their children or be working toward getting custody. Trinity clients have access to an array of supportive services including food and clothing, health and nutrition, life skills development, financial literacy and debt management, employment training and development, job readiness, benefits assistance, therapy, and one-on-one parenting sessions. After a period of time, clients are expected to begin rental contributions as they work toward self-sufficiency.

FINANCIAL LITERACY HOUSING

We established the Financial Literacy program to serve women who are DC residents and have experienced domestic violence so they can receive graduated rental assistance for 12 months as they move into their own apartments. Applicants must have employment or enough demonstrated income to qualify for rental housing. Clients have the support of a financial literacy coach that teaches money management techniques and how to save money with the goal of being positioned to pay their full rent within 12 months.

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

50 clients received financial literacy coaching

5 financial literacy workshops conducted

7 clients opened a credit card

39 clients opened a savings account, with a combined total saved of $97,079.46

19 clients boosted their credit score by at least 35 points

7 clients have applied for credit builder loans

31 clients demonstrated knowledge about healthy v. Unhealthy spending habits

7 clients met with a wealth manager about retirement plans

2 clients became homeowners

REENTRY & VICTIM SERVICES
established 2016

OVERVIEW

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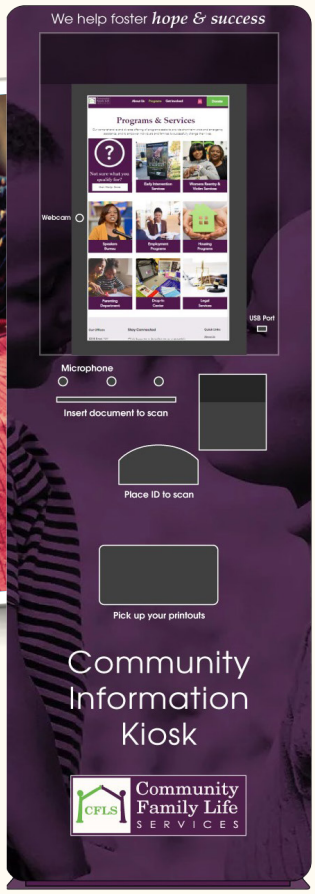
REENTRY WORKSHOPS

We have provided **20 groups across 2 unitsat the Correctional Treatment Facility.** We provided virtual groups between the Fairview Halfway House and Jubilee Reentry Housing on domestic violence prevention, HIV and wellness education, reentry life skills, employment, and financial literacy.

To continue serving the women at the Correctional Treatment Facility, our team created videos for them to watch on their tablets and have been physically going into the facility.



COMMUNITY KIOSKS

In 2021, CFLS was funded by the Meyer Foundation and the Community Partnership to create the CFLS Community Information Kiosk. Eight kiosks were strategically placed throughout the District of Columbia in 2023 so women returning home following a period of incarceration and women who have been victims of domestic violence can stay connected to care and supports. In some situations, the CFLS Community Information Kiosk might serve as the last chance that a victim/survivor and their dependents can gather necessary paperwork, create a safety plan, and flee an abusive home. While the kiosk was designed with female returning citizens and domestic violence victims in mind, it can be utilized by anyone that has a need.

REENTRY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
- DASH
- DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Department of Human Services
- Fairview Halfway House
- HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration
- House of Ruth
- Metropolitan Police Department
- My Sister's Place
- Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

IMPACT STORY

"I've never lived in an apartment by myself, ever, but for the last couple of years, I've been by myself, which gave me time to really focus on myself, and to really see who is Dionne. This program really helped me to find out who I was, in spite of everything that I endured in my life."

HEALTH

The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on Incarcerated Women

Examining the Domestic Violence-to-Prison Pipeline

by **Lindiwe Vilakazi** November 20, 2024

Jaz Jackson, CFLS Director of Reentry and Victim Services, and her client, Dionne, were highlighted in the Washington Informer on November 20, 2024. The article discusses the importance of supporting women impacted by domestic violence and incarceration with comprehensive wraparound services.

Article: https://www.washingtoninformer.com/dionne-bennett-intimate-partner-violence

REENTRY & VICTIM SERVICES
established 2016

STARTER KITS

Starter Kits - Est. 2020

The most critical time of a woman's reentry are the days immediately following her release. CFLS launched this initiative in partnership with the **DC Department of Corrections (DOC)**, **READY Center (Resources to Empower and Develop You)**, **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)**, **DC Reentry Action Network**, **Fairview Halfway House**, **Federal Bureau of Prisons**, **House of Ruth**, **Jubilee Housing**, and **Thrive DC** to provide women returning home from DOC a Starter Kit containing the essential tools needed to thrive. Each kit equips clients with a laptop and the necessary technology to participate in ongoing virtual programming. With this investment, CFLS expanded its virtual service offering during the 2020 COVID pandemic with the ultimate goal of serving clients just as we would in person.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH EVENT

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence. CFLS was delighted to "Paint the Town Purple" to amplify the needs of persons impacted by domestic violence. Team members distributed informational materials and DVAM promotional items throughout the community. CFLS also participated in the #HealHoldCenter social media campaign.

WELLNESS SERVICES
established 2016

OVERVIEW

CFLS supports at-risk individuals and justice-involved women through specific programming for women to maintain their physical and mental wellbeing. Our programming includes medical case management, free on-site HIV testing, prevention 101, and supportive services to help people with HIV/AIDS manage their wellness and overall health.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

In 2019, we celebrated the official launch of our Ryan White Early Intervention Services (EIS) HI-V strategy, where we focus on justice-involved women through our continuum of reentry programming and offer education, testing, and linking to wellness and health care. Our goal is to reach as many as possible, teach all who will listen, test everyone in need, link to services that will guide, and keep clients connected to care.We are committed to client engagement to ensure adherence to treatment.

DC | HEALTH

The CFLS Early Intervention Services initiative is made possible with support from the District of Columbia Department of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA).

Our general services include, but are not limited to:

- HIV 101 and Confidential Rapid HIV Testing (for walk-ins and by appointment)
- Individual & group Health Education sessions with a Certified Health Education Specialist
- Access to free condoms, dental dams, and feminine hygiene products
- Assistance with linkages to services

In addition, we partner with organizations such as Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF), House of Ruth and Fairview Halfway House to conduct workshops on various health and mental health issues such as HIV 101, Self Esteem, Grief and Loss, Anger Management and How Comfortable Are You with Yourself. The women that access this service are incarcerated and/or part of the returning citizen's population.

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

4 HIV tests performed

6 clients had access to or were referred to mental health counseling

15 clients received HOPWA Program services

64 clients received health and wellness baskets *(hand weights, Glucose readers, Blood pressure kits, nutrition journals, food scales, Body scales, Fruit/veg Juicers, Samsung tablets to watch nutrition videos, Jump ropes, and Yoga mats)*

WELLNESS SERVICES
established 2016

ONSITE TESTING

With the assistance of certified administrators, CFLS provides free HIV testing via OraQuick®. OraQuick® is the first FDA-approved oral swab in-home test. It is totally private and does not require blood. OraQuick® is based on the same HIV test that healthcare professionals have been using since 2004.

MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT

CFLS provides 18-month housing and case management for individuals that are infected with HIV/AIDS, including returning citizens. Case managers support clients in locating permanent housing opportunities, managing treatment and medical care adherence, assist with client education and work with other programs in Washington, DC to facilitate a healthy transition to a state of self-sufficiency.

HOPWA PROGRAM

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) is single-resident occupancy housing for single men and women who are living with HIV. CFLS supports clients by addressing the barriers to access services. Our 18-month program includes treatment adherence counseling, emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance, advocacy and coordination of care with medical providers, mental health referrals, housing and food assistance, and assistance with applying for income and benefits.

LEGAL SERVICES
established 2021

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

350 participants attended 28 client rights awareness workshops

OVERVIEW

Through our direct client assistance, Know Your Rights sessions, and on-site intakes and programming, the CFLS Legal Department continues to raise the legal knowledge of the community and equip clients to tackle legal issues that may be hindering their successful reintegration back into the community. We are committed to the preservation of individual freedom, income stability, personal safety, housing stability, and family structures.

Some of the areas that clients have received legal services are: child support, custody, consumer issues, divorce, expungement, name change, probation issues, restraining orders, sex offender registry requirements, identity theft, outstanding warrants, and assistance with contacting the social security administration.

MONTHLY VISITS

The Legal Department conducts monthly visits to the women incarcerated at the **DC Correctional Treatment Facility**. We provide programming, general legal information as well as direct legal advice and assistance with civil legal issues.

We also make regular monthly visits to partner organizations to meet with program participants and conduct **Know Your Rights sessions** and intakes with clients who need assistance.

We continued our **partnership with N Street Village,** providing information on various legal topics as well as met individually with clients seeking legal assistance.

SEMINARS

Leveraging our MOU's with N Street Village, Downtown Day Service Center, Ayuda, Rising for Justice, and Victims Legal Network DC, the Legal Department continues to offer its compassion-based legal services via of series of events. Every month, we hosted a themed **"Know Your Rights" seminar** to engage directly with the community while teaching the ins and outs of various legal topics.

Seminar topics included:

- Mediation
- Housing Rights
- Parenting & Family Law
- Mental Health Rights
- Housing & Employment Discrimination
- Public Benefits
- Record Sealing & Expungement

2024 Financial Summary

$3,768,258.21
Total Revenue

$4,401,064.56
Total Expenditures

$10,514.65
Total Other Revenue

$(622,291.70)
Net Revenue

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