3 of 115 D.C. Homeless Service Facilities Offer Domestic Violence Survivor Services

Only three homeless service facilities in D.C. offer domestic violence and other related services, according to data published by the District.

The only three facilities are located in the Northwest-Northeast quadrant of Washington. The facilities include:

- The Virginia Williams Family Resource Center at 920-A Rhode Island Ave NE
- My Sister's Place at 2300 18th St NW
- The District Alliance for Safe Housing at 1926 14th St NW

The following facilities offer temporary and transitional housing services survivors of domestic and sexual violence and affected family members. Only one of the facilities, My Sister's Place, offers housing navigation services, which specifically helps individuals find permanent and secure housing.

Survivors at the other facilities would be forced to seek outside resources from other facilities across the District in order to receive similar services. Many facilities, however, experience long wait times for survivors.

Homeless Facilities with Housing Navigation Services



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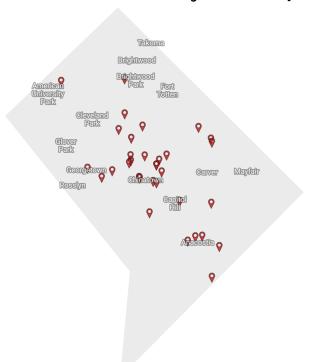
The problem has significantly increased in recent years, with 9,774 people experiencing homelessness in 2024, according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The rise is attributed to the end of housing protections during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as emergency rental assistance programs.

As more federal workers face furlough and layoffs, experts have explained more community members are at risk of domestic violence. Dawn Dalton, the executive director of the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, explained that the abuse risk significantly increases as residents are laid off and stuck at home.

"This means that the domestic violence service providers in DC - many of which are members of the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence - will need more resources to navigate the expected demand for services," Dalton wrote in a recent opinion article for The DC Line.

In addition, only 32 facilities offer case management services for residents. These services provide individualized support for housing options, as well as possible mental health and substance abuse treatments.

[Homeless Facilities with Case Management Services]



With the <u>recent funding freeze on</u> federal programs by the Trump administration, such as the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, the limit on services for people in the District adds additional obstacles for survivors.

As of April 24, the U.S. Justice Department is terminating \$811 million in grants toward trauma centers and other services for domestic violence survivors.

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