

ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE DISTRICT

Closing DC General: Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 4

The District of Columbia has a plan to end homelessness - and that includes closing DC General, the city's largest family shelter. Experts, community leaders, and current and former residents agree that DC General is not a good place for families. It's too big, too old and geographically removed from the services that families experiencing homelessness need to exit shelter.

In order to close DC General, the Bowser Administration and DC Council are advancing a plan to open up short-term family housing in every single ward. These facilities will be small, safe and dignified - with the services and supports that help families get back on their feet.

Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 4

After a thorough search, the District's Department of General Services has secured a site for short-term family housing in Ward 4 at 5505 Fifth Street NW. The facility will accommodate up to 49 families at a time.

The Ward 4 short-term family housing facility will be developed in a currently unoccupied building. In addition to creating a modern, newly renovated building that will retain the look and feel of the neighborhood, the development will create ample parking for the facility's residents. It will utilize an existing curb cut on Fifth Street.

In addition to offering private rooms for families, the facility will include the following:

- Playground & recreation space
- Computer lab for residents
- Ongoing support services & programming for families

Following is an architect's rendering of what the site may look like. Exact design specifications are subject to change as development moves forward.



Construction of the site will begin in the fall of 2016, and the facility is expected to be complete by early 2018.

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