



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT **ONE CONGREGATION. ONE FAMILY**

Our programs are designed to provide supportive services to DC residents. All programs incorporate a multi-generational philosophy that addresses the needs of the whole family. The 2Gen principles include: Economic Assets, Health and Mental Health and Well-being, Social Capital, Early Childhood Education, K-12 Education and Support and, Post-secondary Education and Employment.

### **WHAT IS THE ONE CONGREGATION. ONE FAMILY PROGRAM?**

One Congregation. One Family (OCOF) is a voluntary program that partners with the local faith community to provide encouragement, mentoring and life-skills coaching to families thru 2-Gen activities. Congregations and families meet on a regular basis to address barriers. This program is aligned with the mission of DHS to help build the customer's capacity to reach their full potential.

### **WHAT ARE THE OCOF REQUIREMENTS?**

OCOF families must be DC residents who receive DHS services. The program focuses on families who are exiting shelter. Participants must commit to the 8-month program cycle.

### **DO YOU NEED TO BE RELIGIOUS OR JOIN THE CHURCH?**

You do not need to be religious or join the church to participate in OCOF.

### **HOW OFTEN DOES OCOF MEET?**

Families and mentors meet at least twice a month and maintain regular contact in order to build meaningful relationships that promote achievement and provide support and motivation for families to meet their goals. Congregations may offer small incentives to families for their progress in the program.

### **WHAT TYPES OF RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED?**

Mentors offer assistance with a variety of needs including: budgeting, education, employment, tutoring, household management, nutrition and building a strong social network.

### **HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OCOF?**

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