

Downtown Day Services Center: Partnership



New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, a centrally located, accessible building, will be the site of the DDSC.

- The DowntownDC Business Improvement District (BID) has 20 years of experience supporting the work to end homelessness for people living in the downtown area. It was the BID that envisioned, planned and operated a similar but smaller center in downtown more than a decade ago.
- Pathways to Housing DC (Pathways) has been working for 15 years to end the cycle of adult homelessness. Pathways has unique experience working with adults with complex health challenges ranging from serious and persistent mental illness, co-occurring substance use to histories of incarceration and lengthy stays on the street.
- New York Avenue Presbyterian Church has decades of social justice experience including welcoming participants in its McClendon Center, a daytime community for people with behavioral health issues, and serving lunch in their Radcliff Room on Sundays. The church is one of the few buildings in downtown where individuals living on the street have free access to restrooms.
- The D.C. Department of Human Services leads the city's work on homelessness and has committed \$2 million in annual funding to make the center a reality.