

Welcome to MES Monthly where we update you about "What's Going On". MES, being a dynamic organization we want you to know of all the wonderful work we have in progress.

At MES we recognize we don't stand alone

in this work to combat homelessness and we thank all our referral partners who help us to serve our clients and make the success of our clients possible with their services and dedication.

We also thank all the landlords who work

with us to house our clients and keep their properties suitable for them.

MES will continue to work hard serving the under-housed and homeless individuals and families until there is no more homelessness in Washington, DC.

Client Success Story



Latoya Burgess

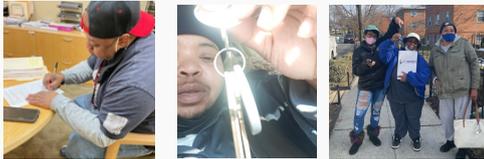
This is a woman made up from many things, good, bad, hurt, pain, love and hate. To only have ever thought of the world as cruel and ugly, when we make it as beautiful as it can be. Through all the things that life brings can be mentally draining while we have to find that peace of me, of (you) too, to be successful in this world. SUCCESS is me SUCCESS is you. SUCCESS is what we brew when able to overcome struggles that others may or may not see only because without these struggles we would not know how to want and or need more.

Dec 2015 we were placed in a shelter until 2018. I felt like I lost everything, even my mind at one point. But while at the shelter I found myself. I yearned to succeed and now I have accomplished many goals. Service Source hired me and I have contracted with them in this position. Security Clearance is off my list thanks to my new HUD position I started as an on call contractor. Now I work Monday-Friday permanently its been 4 Years 10 Months on call. I am also a board member for Echelon Community Services where I advocate for homeless persons and help with ideas to help with their barriers and HIV and mental health issues as well. It is ONLY because of life I am able to be successful in any of these areas.

So it's okay to be down or even feel broken but you are not because when it is bad enough you will brake that chain.. SUCCESS is not GIVEN it is DRIVEN... So let's be driven and be what you wanna be.

Written by Latoya Buggress
Case Manager -Charlene Crafton

Lease-up Highlights



We are happy to say that many of the clients who were located at various Pandemic Emergency Program for Medically Vulnerable Residents (PEP-V) sites have been successfully leased into units and now have a home! The clients received furniture and welcome home gift cards for up to \$200 to help purchase items for their new units.

MES case managers, understand that the lease up process seems long but know that at MES we are dedicated to ensuring our clients are stably and suitably housed.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

How to Maintain a Healthy Mental State

Gratitude
I am thankful for the services provided to me

Positive thoughts
today is going to be a good day

- Believe you are in charge of your life
- Engage in services
- Interact with others
- Be Active, exercise
- Get enough sleep
- Eat healthy
- Know your situation does not define who you are




Events

Contact your case manager to register

Interview Prep and Suited for Change Info Session



WHEN: MAY 11, 2022
TIME: 12:30 - 3:30 PM
WHERE: MLK JR CENTRAL LIBRARY ROOM 401

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL:
JALILA MUHAMMAD - 202-377-9509




Case Manager of the Month



Ms. Andrea Wilkinson works diligently in engaging clients that have not been engaged with the agency. These families in her care were provided services that were truly needed for those families to reduce their barriers to success. Ms. Wilkinson is proactive and not reactive and always comes in with great energy. Ms. Wilkinson is a true asset to the family team and the entire MES family. We recognize Ms. Wilkinson and the great services and dedication that she provides effortlessly in servicing with her families.