

1037 W. McKinley Avenue
Brewery Project Development Incentive Zone (DIZ) Overlay
September 26, 2022

Aalaafia African Family Resource Center (AAFRC) is a nonprofit formed in 2015 by a group of African immigrants who wanted to change the lives of other immigrant families suffering from issues of Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Sickle Cell. AAFRC provides services and resources to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

AAFRC is proposing to occupy a portion of the third floor in Suit 321 building located at 1037 W. McKinley Avenue, within the Brewery Project DIZ overlay zone. This use has been defined as a social service use, which the overlay allows, but requires a public hearing before the City Plan Commission.

AAFRC is a safe space that provides empowerment and support primarily to immigrant families, Sickle Cell families and other individuals seeking services.

Mission

AAFRC's mission is to ensure that every woman, man and child has access to necessary services within their community.

Vision

Our vision is to end all forms of abuse and discrimination against families.

AAFRC has been creating online videos to promote empowerment and leadership to families.

Our Aims and Objectives

AAFRC aims to ensure immigrant families access the necessary tools for personal development.

AAFRC is dedicated to motivating families to be self-dependent on a vision to transform society for the best.

We are persistent in hoping for a better tomorrow.

Our Advocacy

Furthermore, **AAFRC** takes pride in advocating for our clients.

We encourage open discussions with teenagers.

These discussions include the importance of education, the negative implications of early pregnancy, using birth control, and the importance of regular medical checkups.

Our advocacy programs also educate families on how technology can go a long way in changing their lives. We inform them how it can be used to stop any violence and other vices directed at people and such as cyberbullying and cyber-trafficking.

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Overview

AAFRC focuses on training and awareness of the following:

Empowerment, Leadership, and Mentoring for immigrant families.

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Harassment, and Human Trafficking.

Health checkups and Reproductive Health.

AAFRC plans to provide virtual training, resources, and awareness to families worldwide.

Prime Project

AAFRC's extended program is tailored toward serving the Sickle Cell community.

The project will hold the name **Strength in Sickle Cell**.

This project will focus on four primary areas:

Sickle Cell Educational Prevention.

Advocating for life-changing legislation for people living with Sickle Cell.

Sickle Cell treatments and cures education for patients.

To work with developing countries and change the Sickle Cell narrative from no option to hopeful.

Strength in Sickle Cell has designed various programs to help encourage people in our communities as well as those in developing countries.

We will provide a digital program to assist our Sickle Cell clients with a digital career. An example of an obtainable job would be a Social Media Manager.

Other programs provided by this project are blogs, mentoring, buying warm gear, or sponsoring a sickle cell child.

Following is additional information regarding this proposed use:

- Square feet of office space – **1000 Square Foot**
- Operational details/services to be provided on site:

What We Do

We engage in several awareness campaigns and community activities that will impact immigrant families in some positive ways and empower them to be leaders in their communities.

Our Services including

Domestic Violence Resources
Sexual Assault, Harassment and Misconduct Resources
Human Trafficking Resources
Sickle Cell Resources
Immigration Resources to our clients.

We provide resources referrals such as

Health
Shelters
Housing
Food Pantry
Legal Assistance and many other referrals.

Training Programs

We provide training engagements and education on issues affecting various African cultures. We provide mentorship for women looking to get in the right direction with basic training and workshops. We go beyond and above by reaching women in prison who needs counseling. Our **Awareness Campaigns Project** educates families by raising awareness on issues affecting them.

List of our Awareness Campaign

Mental Health

Child Marriage
Women in Politics
Women and the Media
Educating a Girl Child
Cyber Bullying
Reproductive Health Education
FGM
Heart Disease
Period Poverty
Child's Malnutrition
Cultural Differences
HIV/AIDS
Gender Equity
Commercial Sex Workers Advocacy
Sexual Violence
Breast Cancer
War Conflict
Teenage Pregnancy
Human Rights
Human Trafficking

Community Outreach

Our community outreach projects aim to educate families to empower themselves by using various resources to solve issues affecting their daily lives.

We will organize community outreach programs, including conferences, seminars, sanitizations, and walks.

Sexual Harassment Training

AAFRC seeks to ensure safety in the workplace; with this factor in mind, we provide training on workplace harassment and how to prevent it.

This training involves defining harassment by explaining scenarios and incidents in a simple form for every staff to understand the underlying risk of harassing someone, its consequences, and its effects.

Other Programs

Facebook Live Educational Sessions.

Gathering of personal care items for women and girls.

Donation drives.

Workshops

Conferences

Mentorship Session

Mother a Girl.

Group Meetings.

We have several events to raise funds and educate the community.

Games Day

Secret Admirer

The Highest Bidder for the most significant item

Motivation Moment

Green Refresh

- Number of employees: **4**
- Hours of operation: **9 am – 5pm**
- Anticipated number of clients served on a daily basis: **Between 5-8 clients**
- Parking available for clients and employees: **Yes**
- Anything else? **NA**

