Youth and Family Programs

The Latino Student Fund
The Latino Student Fund (LSF) is seeking dynamic college and professional men to take on the role of mentoring at-risk male students in DC public schools. LSF’s Te Guio program is a mentoring program created in affiliation with the DC Mayor’s Empowering Males of Color Initiative. Te Guio provides a 1-on-1 mentorship for at-risk Latino males in DC public schools to assist them in successfully graduating from high school and to help with the college application process. As a mentor you will work 1-on-1 with a 9th grade male Latino student to ensure they are on track to graduate and attend college, follow an online program with your student to discuss various college preparatory topics, share your post-secondary education knowledge with your student to encourage them and assist them in the college application process, meet at 1 of 5 DCPS sites one day per week for 1.5 hours with your assigned student (program runs Monday-Thursday after school, from approximately 3:30pm – 5:30pm. You will meet only one of these days). You also need to check in with your student at least one other time during the week outside of program time. Volunteers need to undergo a background check (fingerprinting and TB test) through DCPS. There are 5 DC Public Schools included in the Te Guio program. As a mentor, you will be assigned to one student in one school. Interested volunteers can go to www.latinostudentfund.volunteerhub.com to sign up. When registering, select the “Te Guio Mentoring” group.
Contact: Lauren Rice, lrice@latinostudentfund.org, 202-244-3438

The Next Step Public Charter School
The Next Step Public Charter School provides students ages 16-24, many of which have recently immigrated to the US, a full-time, year-round academic program with classes in English, math, science, social studies, computers, GED preparation, or any other subjects. The Next Step is looking for tutors available in the evening (6:00 PM-9:00PM) Tutors will work with students on Spanish literacy, math and English as a Second Language (ESL). Tutoring may be one-on-one or group-style, according to students’ needs. Working on Wednesdays during the day with a classroom teacher is also possible. See below.
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Emanuel Nieves / (609) 317-6043 / emanuel@nextsteppes.org

For Wednesday daytime classes: Jessica Csoma / csoma@nextsteppes.org (202) 319-2249 / 3047 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (H2, H3, H4 buses)

Latin American Youth Center
The Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) is a non-profit youth development organization that provides local youth with multi-cultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs that address youths’ social, academic and career needs. The Educational Enhancement Department at LAYC is seeking volunteers to support various projects that involve their after-school programs, college access office, and parent engagement initiatives. They are looking for students with interest and skills to help create informational videos, develop new brochures for education programs, assist in establishing the social media platforms for programs, and update the website. There are also opportunities to collaborate with the College Access Office in supporting the family engagement workshops that are conducted at the center and in helping us research and build a scholarship database that can benefit youth in accessing post-secondary education. Volunteer can complete their hours Monday–Friday, with occasional help needed on Saturdays.

1419 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Station; H2, H3, H4 buses)

The LAYC Career Academy Public Charter School (LAYCCA)
The LAYC provides youth ages 16-24 years with college credits, a rigorous and flexible GED, college preparatory curriculum, and career preparation in healthcare and information technology fields. They serve at-risk and disconnected youth of DC. The Student Support Department is looking for volunteers who can assist with elective classes. In the past, LAYCCA has had yoga, rap, poetry, photography, fitness, and more. They are looking for enthusiastic, motivated and creative artists, painters, knitters, sculptors, chess teachers, musicians, and comedians. Specifics: 1-hour block classes 2 times a week between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm M, T, W, R, or F for 6 weeks. This entails a detailed course outline with specific deliverables. Volunteers need to
pass a police background check & Child Protection Clearance. Key to this role is the ability to connect with at-risk young adults and a keen understanding of marginalized populations. Metro & supply stipends are available.

**Contact:** Karen Kassekert / karen@laycca.org / 202-234-0000  
3047 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (H2, H3, H4 buses or Columbia Heights Metro stop)

**Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School**
The Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School’s goal is bi-literacy in both English and Spanish. Students work together in multi-age classrooms using hands-on Montessori dual language approach to learning. Students learn, master and apply academic content in language arts, mathematics, and science. Volunteers can assist in the classroom, the library or in administrative tasks.

**Contact:** Ernest Yombo (202) 726-6200/yombo@lambpcs.org/ www.lambpcs.org  
Two locations: 1375 Missouri Avenue Washington, DC 20011 and  
1800 Perry St. NE, Washington, DC 20018

**District of Columbia International (DCI) School**
DCI is a cooperative, collaborative school founded by 5 language immersion public charter schools. The 5 DCI member schools are DC Bilingual Public Charter School, Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School, Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School, Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School, Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School. These schools have amended their charters to include a secondary program (grades 6-12) at a new educational campus.

**Contact:** Cody Long, Director of Student Life, cody.long@dcinternationalschool.org  
3220 16TH St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (H2, H3, H4 buses or Columbia Heights Metro)

**Spanish Education Development Center (SED)**
The SED Center, founded in 1971, was the first bilingual preschool in Washington, DC. The SED Center developed bilingual infant and preschool programs for children ages three months to four years old and a high quality adult education program that includes English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), computer training, and GED classes. They help families take full advantage of all the social, educational, and economic opportunities available to them. Programs reinforce positive interactions, the celebration of cultural and linguistic differences, and the enhancement of bilingualism and multiculturalism. Volunteers are welcome; online is a volunteer application. They also offer internships in the areas of art, dance, music, sign language, communications and development. For information on internships, contact Sebastian Roa at juanroa@sedcenter.org. For service-learning call or email Doris Ruano.

**Contact:** Doris Ruano/ dorisruano@sedcenter.org/ (202) 722-4404 ex:108/www.sedcenter.org  
4110 Kansas Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20542

**Housing & Homelessness**

**DC Doors**
DC Doors is a grassroots initiative that provides housing to the homeless population, and particularly women, in the District of Columbia. Their mission is to move immigrant women and the families from the challenges of homelessness to the stability of safe, affordable housing by providing transitional and permanent housing coupled with comprehensive bilingual supportive services. For volunteering opportunities, individuals can be involved in a range of projects including 1) toddler and children evaluation 2) client to resource needs 3) external and internal communications (newsletter, FB, Twitter updating and editing website) 4) DC Doors board assistant liaison, among other projects.

**Contact:** Angela Quiroz or Janethe Pena at (202)518-6605/ www.dcdooors.org/ info@dcdoors.org or aquiero@dcdoors.org  
1545 6th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

**Mary House**
Mary House is a local nonprofit organization which works with immigrant and refugee families in the DC area. Mary House is open to all and many of the families are from foreign countries-including El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Bosnia, and Iraq. Volunteering entails mainly working with the after school portion of their program. They require once or twice a week, for at least 3 months to provide tutoring to children who are kindergarten through 6th grade. All of the children speak English, and are either in a French or Spanish program at their school (Elsie Stokes, located about 10 minutes from the after
school location. This is just across the Catholic University/Brookland metro stop). The after school program lasts from 3:00 to about 6:00.

**Contact:** (202) 635-9025 / casademary@aol.com / www.maryhouse.org

**Neighbors' Consejo**

Neighbors' Consejo is the only Latino, bilingual, and multicultural agency specializing in the prevention of homelessness in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Neighbors’ Consejo is committed to helping homeless men and women who suffer from addiction, alcoholism and mental health problems. Volunteers are needed for outreach, computer literacy, intake and fundraising.

**Contact:** Sonia Rubio / (202) 234-6855 / srubio@neighborsconsejo.org / www.neighborsconsejo.org

6323 Georgia Ave. NW, Suite 206, Washington, DC, 20011

**Immigration Services, Policy, and Organizing**

**Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)**

Interested in helping Central Americans immigrants become U.S. Citizens? This is a great opportunity to learn about the citizenship process, use your Spanish, interact with the local Central American community and gain experience in a grassroots non-profit. Opportunities include: Impact Evaluation and Voter Outreach; Help CARECEN ensure that all our newest citizens are registered to vote by November! Conduct follow-up surveys to evaluate our services and determine the mid to long-term impacts of naturalization. This is a very flexible opportunity, but requires highly proficient Spanish over the phone. Depending on Spanish level and your availability, you may also have the opportunity to interpret at a USCIS interview. Tutoring Individual applicants; Help individual students ace the naturalization exam by providing individual ESL and/or civics tutoring. Requires a consistent commitment and basic Spanish. Citizenship Program Support; Don’t speak Spanish? You can still help support our classes, develop classroom activities, record practice dialogues in English, and conduct outreach and referral research, and support our advocacy efforts!

**Contact:** Rachel Gittinger / 202-328-9799 / rgittinger@carecendc.org / www.carecendc.org

1460 Columbia Rd. NW Washington DC (Columbia Heights Metro)

**CAIR Coalition**

CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland working to ensure that all immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity and respect for their human and civil rights. They are seeking volunteers for jail visits and to serve on the detainee hotline. Students volunteering for the jail visits would, under the supervision of attorneys from CAIR, visit federal immigration facilities in Virginia and Maryland and meet with immigrant detainees. Volunteers would speak to individual detainees and assist the organization with conducting legal intakes, follow ups, and applications for relief. Students volunteering to serve on the detainee hotline would staff a hotline for detainees or their friends/relatives wishing to contact the CAIR Coalition on a 2-hour slot basis. The volunteers would be in charge of answering phones and helping detainees connect with their attorney free of charge using our conference system, conducting phone intakes, or providing information about our upcoming jail visits. CAIR would train volunteers before they go on jail visits or serve on the hotline.

**Contact:** Kelly White (202) 331-3320 / kelly@caircoalition.org / www.caircoalition.org

1612 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; Suite 204

**Adult Education, Employment and Training**

**Carlos Rosario International Career Center**

The Carlos Rosario International Career Center provides a variety of adult education and workforce development programs for Washington’s immigrant community in job training, an Immigrant Family Literacy Program, GED classes in Spanish, a citizenship program, and leadership training. Every student is also provided access to the supportive services department, which offers personal, and employment counseling; medical, legal and childcare social service referrals. Volunteers can assist in the classroom or get involved in other ways. Three time options include: a morning program from 8:45 to 11:30 am, an afternoon session from 1 pm to 3:45 pm and an evening program from 6-9 pm.

**Contact:** Monica Chio, Program Assistant/ volunteer@carlosrosario.org / (202) 797-4700 / www.carlosrosario.org
The Family Place
The Family Place is a multi-cultural non-profit organization that promotes stability and well-being for mostly Latino low income families in Washington DC by offering education and training, critical resources, and social support. Participants are often mothers with young children under the age of five. Volunteers can assist teaching English as a second Language (ESL) or in Spanish Proficiency. Volunteers are also needed to help with childcare when parents are in classes. Volunteer opportunities are available Monday-Friday throughout the daytime program hours from 9:00am-5:00pm or some evening program hours. Spanish is not required but is a big plus for several of the programs.

Contact: Estefani Flores/Family Literacy Data Manager/Volunteer Coordinator
202-265-0149 /lflores@thefamilyplaceDC.org
3309 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (between Park and Monroe)
Transportation: H2 and H4 buses from Tenleytown Metro.

Vida Spanish Senior Center
The Center provides daily hot lunches, recreational activities, counseling, transportation, health promotion, case management, employment and housing assistance, visits and calls, an escort service, and Spanish/English translation and interpretation. District residents age 60 and over may participate and services are free of charge; though voluntary contributions are encouraged. This is part of the DC Office on Aging Senior Center Network. Spanish is extremely helpful for volunteers who want to help out.

Contact: Rosa Pizzi/ rpizzi@vidaseniorcenter.org /www.vidaseniorcenters.org
1842 Calvert St., NW Washington, DC 20009 (Woodley Park Metro)

Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse
La Clinica del Pueblo
La Clinica del Pueblo is a non-profit, federally qualified health center that serves the Latino and immigrant populations of the Washington, DC metro area. Their mission is “to build a healthy Latino community through culturally appropriate health services, focusing on those most in need.” Services include primary care, behavioral health, health care enrollment and system navigation, chronic disease treatment and education, and interpretative services. Volunteer opportunities include providing general and administrative support for medical and patient services, fundraising, and providing assistance at some of our special events. Opportunities to do interpretation and translation with the Interpretative Services Department are also available, however you must be bilingual in Spanish and English.

Contact: Alicia Santana asantana@lcdp.org 202-464-0159
Interpretative Services Ruben Pelaez rpelaez@lcdp.org 202-448-2852
2831 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro) (H2,H3,H4 buses)

Advocacy and Support
CASA RUBY
CASA RUBY is a multicultural center and safe space serving the Latino LGB & Transgender communities of any race, color, or economic background in Washington, DC, MD, and VA. Their mission is to create success stories, particularly among Latino LGB & Trans communities of any race, color or economic background; through advocacy, employment, housing assistance, HIV testing, counseling, and social and other services.

Contact: (202) 355-5155/ www.casaruby.org / 2822 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Office on Latino Affairs (OLA)
Working with the Mayor, the City Council, the diverse governmental agencies of the District, community organizations and the private sector, OLA serves as the community liaison informing them about the different services available in the areas of health, education and social services. OLA administers the grants assigned by the Mayor to the different community organizations, and collaborates with a wide range of DC government agencies to ensure the proper implementation of the DC Language Access Act. Volunteers can engage in projects that respond to a wide range of social and economic needs within the
Latino community in DC. Volunteers may assist with many different tasks, such as office support, event planning and set up and performing community outreach, among others.

**Contact:**  
Ingrid Gutierrez/ingrid.guiterrez@dc.gov / (202) 671-2823 / www.ola.dc.gov  
2000 14th St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20009; (Near U St. Metro)

**Arts**

**GALA Hispanic Theatre (Grupo de Artistas LatinoAmericanos)**  
GALA Hispanic Theatre has been promoting and sharing the Latino arts and cultures with a diverse audience for over 30 years. GALA provides opportunities for Latino artists, educates youth, and engages the entire community in an exchange of ideas and perspectives. Volunteer are needed as ushers and administrative marketing assistants. All volunteers receive complimentary tickets to GALA shows. Although basic conversational Spanish is considered desirable, there is no language requirement for administrative and management volunteers.

**Contact:**  
(202) 234-7174 / abel@galatheatre.org / www.galatheatre.org  
3333 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20010

**Hola Cultura DC**  
Hola Cultura DC is a nonprofit organization, website and a series of web-documentaries on DC's Latino culture and Latino arts events. Hola Cultura is looking for a variety of collaborators to expand coverage. They need arts and events bloggers and reviewers, university correspondents to blog about Latino events and cultural issue on campus, photographers, and videographers. During Fall 2015, we will also hold a series of documentary screenings and other events to celebrate Hispanic Month. Interns are also needed to help Hola Cultura’s staff produce, promote and host these events. Web designers and programmers interested in innovative ways to display information are also welcome. This work is largely independent. More information: http://www.holacultura.com/hola-cultura-internship-program/application/  
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