



Youth Programs

The DC Metropolitan Area has a number of grassroots organizations that work with youth. Some serve young people, others are youth development groups. For more information about each organization, please visit their websites.

Barker Foundation

The Barker Foundation, a non-profit adoption agency based in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia, is seeking student volunteers to work in its downtown Bethesda office. Volunteers will have the outstanding opportunity to learn about domestic and international adoption and to assist program staff in serving children and families. There are many ways for volunteers to help the Foundation, including but not limited to community outreach, event planning, and adoption related research. All volunteer positions include some general office support: filing, answering the phones, sorting, data entry, and envelope stuffing, all of which supports our important work and provides volunteers and opportunity to learn about and contribute to the field of adoption. Volunteers must be available to commit to at least five hours of work per week during the hours of 9:00-5:00 any day (or combination of days) Monday-Friday. The Barker Foundation is located within a couple of blocks of the Bethesda Metro Station.

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7979 Old Georgetown Rd, 1st Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814

Best Friends Foundation

The Best Friends Foundation strives to provide a nationwide network of programs that is dedicated to the physical and emotional well-being of adolescents. The foundation promotes self-respect through the practice of self-control and provides participants the skills, guidance, and support to choose abstinence from sex until marriage and reject illegal drug and alcohol use. It provides positive peer groups and an environment that encourages achievement and raises aspirations.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters and Hermanos y Hermanas Mayores of the National Capital Area

Mentoring services aim to positively affect a child's self-esteem, self-confidence, academic performance and relationship-building skills. Young people who meet regularly with a Big Brother or Big Sister are less likely to be involved with drugs and alcohol and more likely to excel in school and relationships with parents and peers. The "Community-Based Program" needs volunteers to mentor at least 4 hours each week, and a commitment of a year is preferred. Activities include helping with homework, attending movies, sporting events or museums. The "School-Based Program" volunteers meet with their match for one hour during the school day. Activities include having lunch together, reading, working on school projects, or tutoring.

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Bright Beginnings, Inc.

Bright Beginnings is a child and family development center that offers a bright start for homeless infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and their families. Bright Beginnings serves about 186 children annually whose families are living in crisis shelters or transitional housing. The center needs volunteers to assist as classroom volunteers, to help maintain a positive environment, assist the classroom staff to implement daily activities, and support the children to master key skills needed for educational achievement.

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CentroNía

CentroNía, formerly known as Calvary Bilingual Multicultural Learning Center, offers quality education and family support programs to hundreds of families in the Washington, DC area. The organization serves infants, toddlers, preschoolers, youth and families. The Learning Center includes a full day infant/toddler and preschool program and a comprehensive out of school time development program for school age children and youth. Projects focus on the arts and technology education. The Professional Development Academy provides parents and community members with training opportunities such as the Child Development Associate credential (CDA).

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Children Having Opportunities in Changing Environments (CHOICE)

C.H.O.I.C.E. has a uniquely designed program that provides daytime wrap-around services in an educational setting at the community level for at-risk youth who are suspended without day-time supervision. In addition, it functions as a referral advocacy service to the DC Family and Children Court. It also provides evening tutoring and mentoring, and seeks to improve life skills through workshops, seminars, speakers, parenting classes, job readiness, and workplace development training.

Contact: Tammy Winslow (202) 246-9896 / choiceinc9@aol.com / www.choice4kids.org
1230 D Sumner Road SE Washington, DC 20020

College and Career Connections

Creatively exposing youth to people, information, and settings related to careers, college, and other post-secondary education options is vital to this work. Through such exposure, options that are typically abstract, unfamiliar, and seemingly unattainable will become increasingly concrete and familiar. Programs will run inside schools themselves. Volunteers are needed for program support and implementation.

Contact: Deann Ayer (202) 536-4907 / deann@collegeandcareerconnections.org / www.learningcommunitiesdc.org

Columbia Heights Youth Club

The Columbia Heights Youth Club was founded in 1954 as the first integrated boys club in the Washington Metropolitan area. It has since become a co-ed youth club with a mission to provide education, recreation, and personal growth activities for youth and build their resilience to crime, substance abuse, violence, and delinquent behavior.

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Community Bridges

Since 1997, Community Bridges has steadily and successfully built a model empowerment and leadership program for early adolescent girls in a low-income neighborhood of East Silver Spring and Takoma Park, Maryland. Jump Start Girls! Adelante Niñas! meets a critical need for free, long-term, comprehensive, multicultural education programs for girls from immigrant and low-income families. Jump Start Girls! Adelante Niñas! Provides highly engaging, weekly after-school empowerment programs. Jump Start Girls! Adelante Niñas! also provides counseling, in-school and after-school tutoring, placement in arts, cultural, recreational, and vocational programs; advocacy for academic, health, and social services, mother-daughter workshops, and parent support.

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620 Pershing Drive 2nd Floor Silver Spring, MD 20910

Community of Hope, Inc.

Community of Hope provides services in the following areas: housing for homeless families, health care for uninsured and low-income families, and after-school enrichment for children. Volunteers can help out with childcare when parents are in life skills classes, offer computer lab assistance, support young people with literacy-based enrichment activities, or become mentors.

Contact: Karyn Cassella (202)232-7356 x313/ volunteer@communityofhopedc.org / www.communityofhopedc.org
1413 Girard Street NW Washington, DC 20009 -or- 2250 Champlain St NW, Washington, DC 20009

Covenant House

Covenant House Washington was established in May 1995 to address widespread problems of homelessness and poverty among teenagers and young adults. Now in its eighth year of operation, CHW has a philosophy of open intake. This means that the organization never turns away a young person who seeks help. CHW partners with community members to identify and address complex and multi-faceted problems that affect the health and well being of children and youth. Volunteers are needed for tutoring, mentoring, and an array of other projects.

Contact: (202)610-6501 / covenanthousedc.org
2001 Mississippi Avenue SE Washington, DC 20020

DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation

The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation was formed in June 1999 as a 501(c)(3) organization to link public and private resources, creativity and commitment to address strategically, the long term needs of children, youth and families in the District of Columbia. Their mission is to design strategies that consistently promote the importance of investing in our children and youth, to support the development of strategic alliances to strengthen the quality, quantity and accessibility of services and opportunities which foster the healthy development of children and youth, and to create an evaluation framework designed to measure the effectiveness of individual programs and youth serving agencies throughout the District of Columbia.

Contact: (202)347-4441 / mail@cyitc.org / www.cyitc.org
1400 16th Street, NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036

DC Scores

DC SCORES bridges the academic and athletic development of youth by providing them with creative writing and soccer activities each day after-school and for five weeks during the summer. Beginning with only 5 schools in 1994, DC SCORES has quickly expanded to 21 participating schools within the District. Operating in Wards 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, DC SCORES has worked with more than 3000 8-12 year olds and over 300 coaches and writing instructors in the D. C. Public Schools.

Contact: (202)393-6999 / volunteerdc@americascores.org / www.dcscores.org
1224 M St, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

DC Voice- Invitation to Dream

DC VOICE (District Community Voices Organized and Informed for Change in Education) is a city-wide collaborative of community members committed to strengthening the public voice in public education. Join with DC VOICE to give voice to the hopes and dreams of those who want an opportunity for a quality public education.

Contact: Sumeira Kashim (202) 986-8533 / skashim@dvoice.org / www.dvoice.org
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Everybody Wins! DC, Inc.

Everybody Wins! DC is the largest grassroots children's literacy and mentoring program in the DC metropolitan area. It is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting children's literacy and a love of reading through shared reading leading experiences with caring individuals. Everybody Win! DC Reading Mentors participate in the Power Lunch program and spend one hour per week reading one-on-one with elementary students at nearby schools.

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For Love of Children

Today, FLOC's mission is to offer educational services that equip high-risk children and youth with the skills necessary to break the cycle of poverty, become life-long learners, and make substantial contributions to their communities. Volunteer opportunities with the program include: guest speaking, tutoring, and working on field trips with the Outdoor Education Program.

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1763 Columbia Rd, NW Washington, DC 20009

Freedom Schools, Childrens Defense Fund

CDF Haley Farm's flagship program is Freedom Schools, a direct service model of the Black Community Crusade for Children® (BCCC) program. Inspired by the Civil Rights Movement's Freedom Summer of 1964 when community leaders organized Black Americans to register to vote, today's Freedom Schools serve children ages 5 to 18 for six to eight weeks, integrating reading, conflict resolution, and social action in an activity-based curriculum.

Contact: (202) 628-8787 / cdinfo@childrensdefense.org / www.childrensdefense.org
25 E St, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Hope and a Home

Helps low income families in Washington create stable homes and foster the development of hope for parents and children to make lasting changes in their lives. Hope and a Home program assist families by offering low cost housing, advocacy, career development, after school activities and childcare. Volunteers who work with youth could organize and lead special activities for children, provide childcare for monthly meetings, observe students in classrooms and report observations, tutor students one-on-one, or assist with the development of activities for teen workshops.

Contact: Rosa Mooten, Office Manager (202)387-7091 / rmooten@hopeandahome.org / www.hopeandahome.org
1816 12th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009

Horton's Kids

Horton's Kids is a nonprofit that provides comprehensive services to the children of Washington, D.C.'s Ward 8, improving the quality of their daily lives, and nurturing their desire and ability to succeed. Horton's Kids live in the Wellington Park and Forest Ridge apartment complexes in the Anacostia section of Ward 8. Children are picked up from their homes and bused to federal office buildings for tutoring and to sites in and around Washington for field trips.

Contact: Frances Thunder, (202) 544-5033 ext. 12 / startvolunteering@hortonskids.org / www.hortonskids.org
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Interstages

Interstages is a program for girls offering two tracks of learning, one track is academic personalization and the other is called, "Connecting to History through Music." Through academic personalization, students create and implement academic programs. Tutors are needed to mentor students through this process as well as tutor in particular subjects. Through the program, students study music in a historical and cultural context. Volunteers with musical backgrounds can volunteer as music tutors. Preference is given to volunteers who are willing to work at least 1 hour per week for the entire school year.

Contact: Noel Tieszen (202) 645-9200 / noel.tieszen@interstages.org / www.interstages.org
2309 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20020

Jubilee Youth Services

JYS is an after school enrichment program in the Adam's Morgan neighborhood, under the hospice of Jubilee Housing, Inc., which provides quality affordable housing to low income families and individuals in the District. JYS is a free after school program to Jubilee Housing residents and families living in the Columbia Height's/Adam's Morgan community. All the children in the programs are people of color and most come from immigrant families. In the program, children work on many different math and reading levels. Thus math tutors as well as reading tutors are highly desired to work with our emergent, early, and transitional readers.

Contact: Nikki Mosure (202) 797-0026 / info@jubileehousing.org
http://www.jubileehousing.org/pages/page.cfm?menu_id=76
1630 Fuller St. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Kid Power Inc.

Kid Power is a non-profit civics based organization that provides academic, artistic, nutritional and service learning opportunities to 275 youth from underserved communities in the District of Columbia. Kid Power currently offers after-school programs at seven DCPS elementary schools, four DCPS middle schools, and two neighborhood sites. Kid Power relies on volunteers to help students meet their academic goals each semester, but also help lead enrichment classes. These enrichment classes include: cooking, organic gardening, art, dance, yoga, poetry, and more!

Contact: Andria Hollis, Program Director (202)383-4543 / andriana@kidpowerdc.org / www.kidpowerdc.org/
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Latin American Youth Center (LAYC): Art & Media House

The Art & Media House provides classes to youth age 12-18, and older if currently enrolled in high school or a GED program. The program is broken into three sessions – a 10-week fall, 12-week spring and a 6-week summer work program. The classes are held at the art + media house's three-story facility that includes a gallery, fine arts studio, digital media lab, sound room, audio engineering room, darkroom, and classroom space. The creative abilities of youth are developed through hands-on training in media (photography, radio, video, and music production) and fine arts (drawing, painting, mixed media and murals).

Contact: Marie Moll (202) 319-2293 ext. 4 / artmediahouse@layc-dc.org / www.layc-dc.org
3035 15th St, NW, Washington, DC 20009 (one block from Columbia Heights metro)
<http://www.layc-dc.org/index.php/programs/art-media-house.html>

Latin American Youth Center (LAYC): Upward Bound

Upward Bound seeks creative, outgoing volunteers to assist with programs in student academic skill development, college counseling and support, and motivation in order to excel in all aspects of their lives. The purpose of tutoring is to help students improve GPA scores at their high schools. Tutors are needed in all academic areas. Spanish skills are a plus, but not required.

Contact: Barlow Flores (202) 319-3082 / barlow@layc-dc.org / www.layc-dc.org
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Latin American Youth Center (LAYC): ESL Mentorship After-School Program

Mentors provide participating students with academic support and help run personal enrichment activities at Alice Deal Middle School, McFarland Middle School, and Wilson High School. All students in the program have been classified as Non-English Proficient (NEP) or Limited-English Proficient (LEP) and most have been identified by their teachers as struggling in school. Mentors have the option of volunteering on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Metro TeenAIDS

Metro Teen AIDS is giving young people the tools, the education and the skills to end the HIV epidemic. Trained Outreach Workers and peer educators bring important information out to those young people who need it most. Metro Teen AIDS has been featured in a number of magazines and honored by national organizations for their work.

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MOMIE's TLC

M.O.M.I.E's TLC (Mentors of Minorities in Education's Total Learning Cis-tem) is an innovative learning system designed to bolster the educational outcomes of at-risk inner-city children in Washington, DC. The mission is to nurture the genius of children, and to develop a transformative system to bolster educational outcomes, whereby children will realize their inherent talents and grow up to reach their full potential. MOMIE's provides after-school enrichment programs for their youth, and coordinates a summer camp at All Souls Unitarian Church in Columbia Heights.

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National Youth Advocacy Coalition

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is a social justice organization that advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well being. The NYAC takes a comprehensive approach to improving the lives of LGBTQ youth and operates through a social justice framework. NYAC strongly believes that to be effective in creating change at the national level, focused, grassroots advocacy at the local level is critical. NYAC knows that the expertise required to strengthen the LGBTQ youth movement can be found among both young people and adults from around the country.

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Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts

The Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts is a community arts organization offering after-school, Saturday, and summer arts education programs to residents of the Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, and Columbia Heights neighborhoods. The Sitar Center currently serves over 200 students in the areas of music, dance, drama, writing, and visual art. The programs are accessible and affordable to the youth in the neighborhood.

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1700 Kalorama Road NW Washington, DC 20009

Sasha Bruce Youthwork

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) delivers comprehensive services to meet the urgent needs of at-risk youth and their families and is a key provider of youth and family services in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding community. As a private, non-profit agency, SBY offers unique programs designed to provide a wide-range of services to young people and their families.

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Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)

The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) is the only youth service agency solely dedicated to meeting the needs of youth ages 13-21 in the metropolitan Washington, DC area who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex, as well as those questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. Our mission is to support and enhance the self-esteem of sexual minority youth and increase public awareness and understanding of their issues. Founded in 1984, SMYAL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides direct services to youth, develops and utilizes youth leadership skills and provides training and education to the community at large.

Contact: Joseph Thomas (202)546-5940 x112 / www.smyal.org / Joseph.Thomas@smyal.org
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So Others Might Eat (SOME)/Some Place for Kids (SPFK)

SOME is an interfaith, community based organization that exists to assist those in poverty and homelessness. SOME meets daily needs by providing food, clothing and healthcare. Also, SOME offers access to affordable housing, job training, and counseling. SOME helps to support children in academic achievement through an after school program. They have a myriad of volunteer opportunities that are explained in detail on their website, along with the application form.

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71 'O' St., NW, Washington, DC 20001

Teens Run DC

Teens Run DC empowers at-risk youth to envision and work towards the achievement of personal goals through an adult mentoring and distance running program. Students train alongside their running leaders and mentors, who challenge and guide these youth to develop the skills necessary to achieve their running goals and their life goals. Students learn greater responsibility, discipline, perseverance, and goal-setting skills as they train for progressively longer distance races. They become healthier and feel better about themselves. They work towards success in their running and towards success in school. Between running leaders and individual mentors who serve as strong, positive role models and peers working towards similar goals, Teens Run DC strives to create a caring community and a sense of belonging that is not the experience of most of the teens that we serve. With Teens Run DC, students run steady and strong to succeed in life.

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Much of the training occurs at Wilson High School