



# Youth and Education Programs

## *We Recommend...*

### **DC Reads**

Make a difference in a child's life! Become a DC Reads Tutor. The program has worked to improve the historically low literacy rates in our nation's capital. DC Reads supports after-school enrichment programs for at-risk District youth. The collaboration consists of several community-based organizations united under one goal of youth literacy. They include: Life Pieces to Masterpieces, Higher Achievement Program, Reading Partners, and Columbia Heights Village. This can be a volunteer, service-learning or Federal Work Study position.

**Contact:** (202) 885-7378 / [dcreads@american.edu](mailto:dcreads@american.edu) / [www.american.edu/dcreads](http://www.american.edu/dcreads)  
Transportation provided to sites throughout Washington, DC

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century School Fund**

21CSF is dedicated to building the public will and capacity to modernize public school facilities so they support high quality education and community revitalization. Programs include Research & Communication, Community Engagement & Government Reform and Technical Assistance & Collaboration.

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Thurgood Marshall Center: 1816 12th St. NW, 4th Floor, DC 20009

### **Academy of Hope**

Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School (AoH) works to bridge the education gap and create lasting impact in our community by offering tailored educational services for adults who, due to low-literacy and insufficient basic skills, are not able to find or retain living-wage employment and are often trapped in a cycle of poverty. Since our founding in 1985, we have helped more than 7000 D.C. residents improve their skills and more than 700 residents earn their high school diploma. AoH needs volunteers in various capacities, including reading and math tutors, career mentors and digital literacy skills buddies

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421 Alabama Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C. 20032

### **Chess Girls DC**

Chess Girls DC 501c3 nonprofit organization serves to improve the confidence of girls through the practice of Chess. Chess Girls DC provides lessons to beginning chess players and enrichment activities for students who know how to play chess. Chess Girls DC was created in response to scientific evidence that self-confidence plays a tremendous role in a girl's approach to challenging circumstances. Volunteers are needed Saturdays from 3-4:30 pm and will get an orientation prior to starting (ideally early in September). Volunteers can work as teaching assistants, fundraising developers, event managers, investigating partnerships and social media management.

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McGivney Hall, Room 012 (Lower Level) 620 Michigan Ave NE

### **City Kids**

City Kids Wilderness Project is a nonprofit outdoor education program for underserved and at-risk inner-city youths (ages 12 to 24) from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The program focuses on experiential learning, joins youth and staff in a cooperative family atmosphere, and utilizes the outdoor, natural environment as a classroom for academic, recreational and life skills. City Kids Wilderness Project is in need of volunteers to assist with afterschool lessons and activities. Volunteers needed for weekend adventure trips, fundraising, office projects, and daily programming.

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### **Community of Hope, Inc.**

Community of Hope creates opportunities for low-income families in Washington, DC, including those experiencing homelessness, to achieve good health, a stable home, family-sustaining income, and hope. Volunteers are needed to engage with children in our housing sites and health centers.

**Contact:** Lauren Cranman / [volunteer@cohdc.org](mailto:volunteer@cohdc.org) / (202) 407-7757 / [www.communityofhopedc.org](http://www.communityofhopedc.org)  
4 Atlantic Street, SW DC 20032 (Locations in NE, NW, SE, and SW DC.)

### **Critical Exposure**

Critical Exposure teaches youth to use the power of photography and their own voices to become effective advocates for school reform and social change. By empowering young people to develop skills as documentary photographers and advocates, Critical Exposure exposes citizens and policymakers to the reality of inadequate schools and low-income communities through the eyes of the youth who confront those realities every day.

**Contact:** (202) 745-3745 x20 / [www.criticalexposure.org](http://www.criticalexposure.org) 1816 12th Street Northwest, 3rd Floor, DC 20009

### **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 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:** Lindsey Sharp / (202) 393-6999 / [lsharp@dcscores.org](mailto:lsharp@dcscores.org) / [www.dcscores.org](http://www.dcscores.org) 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1200, DC, 200036

### **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:** Jillian Levine / (202) 808-9033 / [info@dcinternationalschool.org](mailto:info@dcinternationalschool.org) Dcinternationalschool.org  
1400 Main Drive NW, District of Columbia

### **Education for Sharing**

Education for Sharing is a civic education program that forms better citizens from childhood through four programs: Sports for Sharing, Initiatives for Sharing, Science for Sharing, and Art for Sharing. By encouraging children ages 6 to 12 to participate in their community, and to become change agents at a local level, we believe that they can transform their world: local action triggers global effects. Education for Sharing envisions children as holders of rights who are obligated to develop relations of mutual respect and tackle shared problems to promote social understanding. They incorporate teachers, families and professional athletes in the experience. So, children are able to become vehicles of a profound social transformation.

**Contact:** (240) 516-6983 / [info@educationforsharing.org](mailto:info@educationforsharing.org) / [en.educacionparacompartir.org](http://en.educacionparacompartir.org)  
641 S Street NW, Floor 3, DC, 20001

### **Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN)**

FAN's goal is to bring a Positive Youth Development perspective to DC youth in foster care that provides young people with formal and informal opportunities to nurture their interests and talents, acquire new skills, and gain a sense of personal and group recognition in an atmosphere of hope.

**Contact:** (202) 380-9390 / [info@fan-dc.org](mailto:info@fan-dc.org) / [www.fan-dc.org](http://www.fan-dc.org) 820 Southern Ave, SE, DC 20032

### **The Fishing School**

By providing academic out-of-school time programs, TFS is changing generations and empowering youth to become responsible stewards of their future. Since 1990, The Fishing School has served as a safe haven and offered academic programs to more than 3,000 young people and their families in Washington, D.C. Through out-of-school time programming, TFS provides education instruction, mentoring, leadership development, test preparation and life skills training.

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4737 Meade St. NE, DC 20019

### **For Love of Children**

Nearly 75% of DC students perform at or below basic levels in reading and math. For Love of Children's one-on-one tutoring program helps students achieve grade-level competency in reading and math. Each new tutor impacts the life of one more child. FLOC offers training and ongoing professional support, so no experience is necessary. Tutors need patience, creativity, flexibility, fluency in English, a sense of humor and the ability to commit to 2.5 hours of tutoring a week.

**Contact:** DeLante Fludd / (202) 462-8686 / [dfludd@floc.org](mailto:dfludd@floc.org) / [www.floc.org](http://www.floc.org) 1763 Columbia Rd, NW, DC 20009

### **Girls Rock! DC**

Utilizes music education to create a supportive, inclusive and creative space for girls to develop their self-confidence, build community, stand up and rock out!

**Contact:** (202) 681-7625 / [volunteer@girlsrockdc.org](mailto:volunteer@girlsrockdc.org) / [www.girlsrockdc.org](http://www.girlsrockdc.org) 1525 Newton St. NW, DC 20010

### **Hope and a Home**

Hope and a Home program assist families by offering low cost housing, advocacy, career development, after school activities and childcare. Volunteers can organize special activities for children, provide childcare for monthly meetings, observe students in classrooms, tutor students one-on-one, or assist with the development of activities for teen workshops.

**Contact:** Rosa Mooten (202) 387-7091 x500 / [rmooten@hopeandahome.org](mailto:rmooten@hopeandahome.org) / [www.hopeandahome.org](http://www.hopeandahome.org)  
1236 Columbia Road, NW, DC 20009

### **The Homeless Children's Playtime Project**

This project's mission is to nurture healthy child development and reduce the effects of trauma among children living in temporary housing programs in the District of Columbia. Volunteers provide weekly activities, healthy snacks, and opportunities to play and learn for the children at emergency shelter and transitional housing sites in the District of Columbia. In the past eight years, 600 volunteers have served more than 1,000 children at eight playtime sites throughout the city.

**Contact:** (202) 329-4481 / [info@playtimeproject.org](mailto:info@playtimeproject.org) / [www.playtimeproject.org](http://www.playtimeproject.org) 1525 Newton St. NW, DC

### **Horton's Kids**

This organization is looking for dedicated volunteers to tutor and mentor children, grades K through 12. Horton's Kids is a community-based organization that serves 500 children, living in an isolated neighborhood called Wellington Park in Washington, DC's Ward 8. Horton's Kids' mission is to empower at-risk children and prepare them for successful and healthy lives through educational opportunities and comprehensive programs tailored to their needs. Horton's Kids provides a holistic, research-based continuum of academic, enrichment, and basic needs supports designed to empower children to succeed.

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### **Institute for East African Councils on Higher Education (IEA Councils)**

IEA Councils is a nonprofit group that works with high school students of East African heritage who are immigrants or the children of immigrants. IEA Councils is a strong advocate of educational access and persistence, and delegates appropriate representatives at our sites to ensure proper guidance, support and resources. The importance of education at IEA Councils is exemplified by the culturally personalized assistance we provide to ensure that East-African cultivate their full potential.

**Contact:** [info@ieacouncils.org](mailto:info@ieacouncils.org) / (202) 510-6753 / [www.ieacouncils.org](http://www.ieacouncils.org)  
3636 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, DC 20010

### **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 are people of color and most come from immigrant families. Children work on many different math and reading levels. Math tutors as well as reading tutors are highly desired to work with our emergent, early, and transitional readers.

**Contact:** [info@jubileehousing.org](mailto:info@jubileehousing.org) / (202) 299-1240 / [www.jubileehousing.org](http://www.jubileehousing.org)  
1640 Columbia Rd. NW, DC 20009

### **KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now)**

KEEN is a national, nonprofit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families and caregivers. KEEN's mission is to foster the self-esteem, confidence, skills and talents of its athletes through non-competitive activities, allowing young people facing even the most significant challenges to meet their individual goals. Volunteer opportunities take place at St. Coletta School (SE) on Saturdays from 12-3pm, accessible via the Stadium-Armory Metro.

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### **LAYC Career Academy Public Charter School (LAYCCA)**

The LAYCCA 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 disconnected youth of DC. Volunteers can help provide tutoring for students in reading and math between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Friday. Volunteers must also pass a police background check & Child Protection Clearance. Key to this role is the ability to connect with urban youth. Metro & supply stipends are available based on need.

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Andrea Elaganzoury / College and Career Access Coordinator / [andrea@laycca.org](mailto:andrea@laycca.org)  
<http://www.laycca.org/contactus.html> 202-866-0409  
3224 16th Street, NW, DC 20010.

### **Latin American Montessori Bilingual School (LAMB)**

LAMB was founded by the Latin American Youth Center. Work with kids the way you want to! At LAMB volunteers can tutor, work in office administration, work with students with special needs, or decide on their own plan.

**Contact:** Ernest Yombo / [yombo@lambpcs.org](mailto:yombo@lambpcs.org) / [www.lambpcs.org](http://www.lambpcs.org)  
There are 3 locations in NW & NE DC

### **Latino Student Fund (LSF)**

The Latino Student Fund's (LSF) mission is to provide opportunities for a strong academic foundation for underserved PreK-12th grade students of Hispanic descent to promote higher education and professional leadership. The LSF provides free programs for students from PreK-12 as well as their adult family members throughout the entire DC metro area. Individuals can volunteer at any of our 4 sites choosing from a variety of options such as tutoring elementary school students, teaching English or computer classes, and mentoring a student through the college application process. Programs take place during the week from 3pm-6pm and on Saturdays from 9:30am-12pm and are metro accessible. All sites require an online application and background check and certain sites also require TB test and fingerprinting.

**Contact:** (202) 244-3438 / [programs@latinostudentfund.org](mailto:programs@latinostudentfund.org) / [www.latinostudentfund.org](http://www.latinostudentfund.org)  
3480 Woodley Rd NW, DC 20016

### **Literacy Council of Montgomery County**

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) transforms the lives of approximately 1,400 adults each year by providing educational programs that strengthen language proficiency, build life skills, and foster community involvement. At LCMC, we teach adults to read, write, and speak English in a vibrant multicultural community where English proficiency is a tool for success. We equip adult learners with skills for life! Our students improve their employment opportunities, become better citizens, acquire consumer skills, and increase their involvement in their children's education.

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21 Maryland Ave #320, Rockville, MD 20850

### **Little Lights Urban Ministries**

Little Lights Urban Ministries provides educational, musical and religious after-school programs for students K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. At the Reading and Math Heroes program, volunteers help students practice basic reading and math skills through one-on-one tutoring. Research has overwhelmingly shown the single most important factor separating excellent readers from poor readers is whether or not they have a caring adult who reads with them. Tutors are paired with the same child for an entire semester (or year). Lesson plans, additional resources, and activities are provided.

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### **The Next Step Public Charter School**

Next Step PCS aims to offer students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported adequately in traditional public school the chance to continue their education. This school is the oldest charter school in DC and is currently look for volunteers to provide academic support to GED and English language learners during a day-time and an evening program. Day-time hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 3 pm. The evening program runs Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 pm. Volunteers can let them know what days and hours work best.

**Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator: Emanuel Nieves / (202) 319-2249 / [volunteer@nextsteppcs.org](mailto:volunteer@nextsteppcs.org) 3047 15th St. NW DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro or H2, H3, H4 buses)

### **Operation Pathways**

Operation Pathways provides and coordinates place-based programs and services for residents in affordable housing communities to increase quality of life. Our Vision is to provide vibrant housing communities where residents are engaged, empowered, and supported to live to their fullest potential.

**Contact:** Deborah Oshin / (240) 473-2629 / [doshin@operationpathways.org](mailto:doshin@operationpathways.org) / [www.operationpathways.org](http://www.operationpathways.org)  
Columbia Heights Village, 2900 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 110 DC 20009

### **Sitar Center for the Arts**

This Center 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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### **Safe Shores**

A children's advocacy center that provides intervention, hope, and healing for children and families affected by abuse, trauma, and violence in the DC-area. Safe Shores also works to prevent child abuse through education and training.

**Contact:** (202) 645-3200 / [team@safeshores.org](mailto:team@safeshores.org) / <http://www.safeshores.org/>  
429 O St. NW, D.C. 20001 (Mt. Vernon Sq. 7<sup>th</sup> St.-Convention Center on Green/Yellow Line)

### **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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### **Teaching for Change**

Teaching for Change provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write and change the world. By drawing direct connections to real world issues, Teaching for Change encourages teachers and students to question and re-think the world inside and outside their classrooms, build a more equitable, multicultural society, and become active global citizens.

**Contact:** (202) 588-7204 / [info@teachingforchange.org](mailto:info@teachingforchange.org) / [www.teachingforchange.org](http://www.teachingforchange.org)

### **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 guide these youth to develop the skills necessary to achieve their running and life goals. They learn greater responsibility, discipline, perseverance, and goal-setting skills as they train for distance races. They also become healthier and feel better about themselves and work towards success in running and school. Individual mentors serve as positive role models and peers working towards similar goals.

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