



# Latino Community Volunteer Sites

## Youth & Education Programs

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

LSF offers two volunteer options: 1) *The Listo - College Preparation Program* Seeks to remove common barriers to higher education by increasing college readiness and helping students and their families navigate the complex college admission and financial aid process. Volunteers work with 12<sup>th</sup> graders to help them complete the college and scholarship application process. Volunteers are needed 3-6 pm on Thursdays at Francis L Cardozo Educational Campus (1200 Clifton St NW DC 20009) or Tuesdays at Calvin Coolidge Senior HS at 6315 5th St NW. 2) The Saturday *Tutoring Program* which provides free support and academic assistance to Washington metropolitan area students. The time is 9:30AM-12PM and the location is National Cathedral School (3612 Woodley Rd NW DC 20016); walkable from AU's campus. Individualized tutoring helps to students from PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in math & reading, as well as adult ESL and computer classes.

**Contact:** [programs@latinostudentfund.org](mailto:programs@latinostudentfund.org); 202-244-3438 [www.latinostudentfund.org](http://www.latinostudentfund.org)

### **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.

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3047 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro or 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 Education Department seeks volunteers to support projects that involve their after-school programs, college access office and parent engagement initiatives. They are looking for students with skills to help create informational videos, develop brochures for education programs, assist in establishing social media platforms, update website as needed, and to serve as College Buddies to share the college experience with others taking on the college application process. Volunteer can complete hours Monday-Friday with varying hours that include Bard's workshops and class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-8:00pm

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

### **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 (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.

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Locations: 1375 Missouri Avenue NW 20011, 1800 Perry St. NE DC 20018, and Aspen Street NW

### **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.

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1400 Main Drive NW Washington, District of Columbia

### **Briya Public Charter School**

Briya PCS provides English classes to adult English language learners in a family literacy model. The school strives to equip students with the English and digital literacy skills they need to thrive in the US. Such classes offer students technology skills that are essential to further their education, be successful in today's job market, and play an active role in their child's education. Volunteers will guide adult students to use technology to achieve their goals, such as applying for a job online, writing an email to their children's teachers, finding free activities for their children using online searches, or using online websites for typing and English practice. Volunteers can assist in advanced classes at site near the Fort Totten metro on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays any time between 9-11:30am and 12:30-3pm; mornings are when the need is greatest. Assistance is also needed during typing and free choice technology classes from 9-11:30am and 12:30-3pm at site near the Georgia Ave-Petworth metro on Wednesdays and during the same times at Fort Totten Site on Tuesdays & Fridays. If Spanish is spoken, you can help with outreach in the community. French translation of documents for students would also be beneficial. But neither language is required.

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Locations: Fort Totten -- 100 Gallatin St. NE Washington, DC (202) 232-7777  
Adams Morgan -- 2333 Ontario Road NW Washington, DC 20011 (202) 420-7200  
Petworth -- 3912 Georgia Ave NW Washington, DC (202) 545-2020  
Mount Pleasant -- 1755 Newton Street NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 797-7337

### **Spanish Education Development Center (SED)**

The SED Center, founded in 1971, was the first bilingual preschool in Washington, DC. The Center offers 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](mailto:juanroa@sedcenter.org). For service-learning call or email Doris Ruano.

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ex:108/www.sedcenter.org 4110 Kansas Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20542

# Immigration Services, Policy, and Organizing

## Ayuda

Ayuda provides legal, social, and language services to help vulnerable immigrants in our neighborhoods access justice and transform their lives. Since 1973, they have served more than 100,000 low-income immigrants throughout Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia. Ayuda's dedicated professionals help immigrants from anywhere in the world navigate the immigration and justice systems and access the social safety net. This comprehensive approach breaks down barriers, helps those in need, and makes our communities stronger. Part of their mission is to include students, community members, lawyers, and immigrants themselves in our organization through volunteer work. Volunteers assist with a variety of essential tasks, from creating donation drives, scanning and organizing closed case files, to staffing our table at outreach events. Volunteers directly support many programs and are an integral part of their ability to assist the population serves with direct services.

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202-349-0655 202-387-4848/ [www.ayuda.com](http://www.ayuda.com)  
6925 B Willow Street NW Washington, DC 20012 (near Takoma Park metro, redline)

## Central American Resource Center of Washington, DC (CARECEN)

CARECEN is a resource center for immigrants in the DC area, providing legal services, housing services, and citizenship services. Opportunities include: impact evaluation and voter outreach, follow-up surveys to evaluate our services and determine the mid to long-term impacts of naturalization, teaching English and/or Civics classes for students taking the citizenship test, and translators. There are opportunities for volunteers both with and without Spanish-speaking abilities.

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

## Capitol Area Immigration Reform (CAIR) Coalition

CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants from DC, Virginia & 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, visit federal immigration facilities in Virginia and Maryland and meet with immigrant detainees. Volunteers would speak to detainees and assist with conducting legal intakes, follow-ups, and applications for relief. Students volunteering on the detainee hotline would receive calls from detainees or their friends/relatives wishing to contact the CAIR Coalition on a 2-hour slot basis. Volunteers would answer phones and help detainees connect with their attorney free of charge using our conference system, conducting phone intakes, or providing information about our upcoming jail visits. CAIR will train all volunteers before they go on jail visits or serve on the hotline.

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1612 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; Suite 204  
To help with detention center hotline, translating, and jail visits, contact [volunteer@caircoalition.org](mailto:volunteer@caircoalition.org);  
To help with mental and medical health, contact Michael Lukens / [michael@caircoalition.org](mailto:michael@caircoalition.org)

## MLOV

MLOV helps foster leadership and provides tools for greater civic participation of immigrants in DC for those who do not speak English as their primary language in solutions that impact their lives. MLOV mobilizes the community to prompt systemic change to meet the goal of language justice in the District. Community organizing allows MLOV to help historically marginalized communities, such as the immigrant communities to develop an agenda that reflects their needs and build grassroots power. MLOV's organizing work is currently concentrated on health and education justice.

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3166 Mt Pleasant St NW, Washington, DC 20010

# Adult Education, Employment and Training

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Mount Pleasant – 1755 Newton Street NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 797-7337

## 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 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 8:45-11:30 am, an afternoon session from 1-3:45 pm and an evening program from 6-9 pm.

**Contact:** [volunteer@carlosrosario.org](mailto:volunteer@carlosrosario.org) 1100 Harvard St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro)

## 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 five. Volunteers can assist teaching English as a second Language (ESL), Spanish Literacy, or Early Childhood Education classes. In addition, volunteers can help in administrative duties as well as with case management and our support groups for women and for parents. 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:** Lidia Fleitas / Bilingual Liaison and Service Coordinator / 202-265-0140 ext.111  
[lfleitas@thefamilyplacedc.org](mailto:lfleitas@thefamilyplacedc.org) 3309 16th St. NW, DC 20010 H2 and H4 buses from Tenleytown Metro.

## National Day Laborer Organizing Network – NDLON

NDLON is working on a campaign for the permanent residence for those who have Temporary Protective Status (TPS). They have an organizational project base of 45 committees in the whole country; their new organization is called TPS National Alliance. The options for service include: Short Videos of testimonies of TPS families, social media and / or Web Page support, Fundraising, and other small projects that would help us a lot. Speaking Spanish is strongly recommended.

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### **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.

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1842 Calvert St., NW Washington, DC 20009 (Woodley Park Metro)

## **Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

### **Mary's Center**

Mary's Center is a federally qualified community health center that has provided services to thousands of people in the past 29 years of operation. Their services include medical/dental, mental health and education. Volunteer needs range from educating our participants about our patient portal, administrative duties within different departments, event planning in development and whatever else is needed at the time of volunteer placement.

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### **La Clínica del Pueblo**

*La Clínica 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 support for medical and patient services, community programs, administration, fundraising, and events. Opportunities to do interpretation and translation with the Language Access Department are also available.

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2831 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro or H2, H3, H4 buses)

## **Advocacy and Support**

### **Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs**

Working with the Mayor, the City Council, and diverse governmental agencies of the District of Columbia, community organizations and the private sector, MOLA serves as the community liaison informing them about the different services available in the areas of health, education and social services. MOLA administers the grants assigned by the Mayor to 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 tasks such as office support, event planning and set-up, and community outreach.

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2000 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 200 DC 20009 (U Street metro)

### **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 other services.

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

# 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.

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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 the fall 2018, we will also hold a series of documentary screenings and other events to celebrate Hispanic Month. Volunteers are 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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