



# Race and Ethnicity

## *We Recommend...*

### **Asian American LEAD**

AALEAD's overarching goal is to increase the opportunities and ability of low-income Asian American children to move out of poverty and become successful, self-sufficient adults. AALEAD firmly believes that education is the key to meeting this goal. However, AALEAD understands that children need additional family, school, and personal supports, not just academic assistance, to succeed. Consequently, AALEAD uses a five pronged approach to youth development, offering each child after school intervention in a safe space, mentoring, family support and educational advocacy.

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1029 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 810, Washington, DC 20005

### **The Equal Rights Center**

The Equal Rights Center is a non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to identifying, challenging, and eliminating discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations through education, research, testing, counseling, enforcement, and advocacy.

**Contact:** Melissa Fobear (202) 234-3062 / [mfobear@equalrightscenter.org](mailto:mfobear@equalrightscenter.org) / [www.equalrightscenter.org](http://www.equalrightscenter.org)  
11 Dupont Circle, NW Suite 450, Washington, DC 20036

### **The Bethune-DuBois Institute**

Founded in 1986, The Bethune-DuBois Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established to sustain and magnify the educational legacies of two of America's greatest leaders...Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois. Their examples and teachings emphasized personal leadership and the importance of education and training in solving public policy problems and in advancing the status and contributions of all African Americans in American society.

**Contact:** (301) 562-8300/ [bethune\\_dubois@verizon.net](mailto:bethune_dubois@verizon.net) / [www.bethune-dubois.org](http://www.bethune-dubois.org)  
8630 Fenton St., Suite 730, Silver Spring, MD 20910

### **The Education Trust**

The Education Trust is a non-profit Washington DC-based educational organization committed to closing the achievement gap that separates low-income students and students of color from other young Americans through advocacy and research. They especially focus on the work of schools and colleges most often left behind in education improvement efforts: those serving low-income, Latino and African American students.

**Contact:** Loretta Singleton (202) 293-1217x0/ [www.edtrust.org](http://www.edtrust.org)  
1250 H St., NW Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005

### **Hmong National Development, Inc.**

Hmong National Development, Inc. (HND) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building capacity, developing leadership and empowering the Hmong American community. HND envisions a vibrant Hmong American community leading in educational achievement, economic development, civic engagement and social justice.

**Contact:** 1-844-454-1144/ [info@hndinc.org](mailto:info@hndinc.org) / [www.hndinc.org](http://www.hndinc.org)  
1322 18<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20036

### **Association of Vietnamese Americans**

AVA is a non-profit organization that serves the needs of low-income immigrant families and seniors. AVA works to empower the Vietnamese American community to live healthy, happy, successful lives by providing direct services to families with school-aged children, isolated seniors, and new immigrants. Direct services focus on family relationships and education, healthcare and access to government services, and naturalization. Students are needed for assistance with mentorship, web design, grants, office support, and special events planning/staffing. Knowledge of Vietnamese is useful for other tasks like transportation, visiting seniors, research & surveying, teaching English, and interpretation/translation.

**Contact:** (301) 588-6862 / [www.avaus.org](http://www.avaus.org)  
8121 Georgia Ave, Suite 503, Silver Spring, MD 20910

### **Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)**

MALDEF's mission is to foster sound public policies, laws and programs to safeguard the civil rights of the 40 million Latinos living in the United States and to empower the Latino community to fully participate in our society. MALDEF achieves its mission by concentrating its efforts on employment, education, immigration, political access, language, and public resource equity issues.

**Contact:** 202-293-2828 / [/jobs@maldef.org](mailto:/jobs@maldef.org) / [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)  
1016 16<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20036

### **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and eliminate racial hatred/discrimination.

**Contact:** (202) 667-1700 / [naacp@naacpdc.org](mailto:naacp@naacpdc.org) / [www.naacpdc.org](http://www.naacpdc.org)  
1000 U Street NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20001

### **National Black Justice Coalition**

The National Black Justice Coalition is a civil rights organization of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and our allies dedicated to fostering equality by fighting racism and homophobia. The Coalition advocates for social justice by educating and mobilizing opinion leaders, including elected officials, clergy, and media, with a focus on Black communities.

**Contact:** (202) 319-1552/ [www.nbjc.org](http://www.nbjc.org)

### **National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)**

The National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) is a nonprofit leadership training organization working to eliminate prejudice and intergroup conflict in communities throughout the world. NCBI's proactive approach begins with a corps of community leaders who are taught effective bridge-building skills to combat intergroup conflicts in various settings including schools, universities, foundations, correctional facilities, law enforcement agencies, government offices, and labor unions.

**Contact:** (240)638-2813 / [info@ncbi.org](mailto:info@ncbi.org) / [www.ncbi.org](http://www.ncbi.org)  
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1100, Silver Spring, MD 20910

### **National Congress of American Indians**

The National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest, and most representative organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and individuals. NCAI's mission is to inform the public and the federal government on tribal self-government, treaty rights, and a broad range of federal policy issues affecting tribal governments.

**Contact:** (202) 466-7767 / [ncai@ncai.org](mailto:ncai@ncai.org) / [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)  
1516 P Street NW Washington, DC 20005

### **National Council of La Raza (NCLR)**

The National Council of La Raza is the largest national constituency-based Hispanic organization in Washington, DC for the Hispanic community with the goal to reduce poverty and discrimination and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Four major functions provide essential focus to the organization's work: capacity-building assistance; applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy; public information efforts; and special and international projects.

**Contact:** (202) 785-1670 / [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org)  
1126 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036

**National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc.**

NPRC's mission is to systematically strengthen and enhance the social, political, and economic well-being of Puerto Ricans throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico with a special focus on the most vulnerable.

Contact: (202) 223-3915 / [nprc@nprcinc.org](mailto:nprc@nprcinc.org) / [www.nprcinc.org](http://www.nprcinc.org)  
1220 L Street NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20005

**Operation Understanding DC**

OUDC is a year-long, intensive leadership development and multicultural education program for Washington-area African American and Jewish high school students, with the goal of developing a generation of leaders who will work to eradicate racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination, and to promote respect, understanding and cooperation within their communities.

Contact: (202) 234-6832 / [info@oudc.org](mailto:info@oudc.org) / [www.oudc.org](http://www.oudc.org)  
3000 Connecticut Ave, NW Suite 335, Washington, DC 20008

**Poverty and Race Research Action Council**

PRRAC is a non-partisan, national, not-for-profit organization convened by major civil rights, civil liberties and anti-poverty groups. The organization links social science research to advocacy work in order to address problems at the intersection of race and poverty.

Contact: (202) 906-8023 / [info@prrac.org](mailto:info@prrac.org) / [www.prrac.org](http://www.prrac.org)  
1200 18<sup>th</sup> Street. NW. #200, Washington, DC 20036

**SAALT- South Asian Americans Leading Together**

The South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow (SAALT) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the full and equal participation by South Asians in the civic and political life of the United States. SAALT's goals are to: Provide a uniform and informed voice on issues affecting South Asians that relate to equality and civil rights, develop South Asian Coalitions that transcend religious, ethnic, or linguistic differences, to facilitate collective action and broader community change, and create opportunities for leadership, service, and volunteerism by South Asians in order to foster civic engagement.

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6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 506, Takoma Park, MD 20912

**Vietnamese-American Community Service Center**

The center helps to empower the Vietnamese community and integrate them into mainstream American culture we offer many resources for the family, for both adults and children. The center has an after-school program called the Safe Place for Learning (SPL) program, where children receive assistance with academics, learn computer skills, and socialize. Many neighborhood and social awareness workshops for parents are offered. Finally, Youth Mentoring Program (YMP) for our most at-risk youth is available.

Contact: (202) 667-0437  
[www.americangraduatedc.org/dc\\_resources/vietnamese-american-community-service-center](http://www.americangraduatedc.org/dc_resources/vietnamese-american-community-service-center)  
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