Youth & Education Programs

The Latino Student Fund (LSF)
LSF offers three volunteer options: 1) 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 12th graders to help them complete the college and scholarship application process. Volunteers are needed 3-6 pm 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 provides free support and academic assistance to DC metropolitan area students. The time is 9:30AM-12PM on Saturdays; location is National Cathedral School (3612 Woodley Rd NW DC 20016) which is walkable from AU’s campus. Individualized tutoring helps students (PreK through 12th grade) in math & reading, as well as helping adults with English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer classes.

3) The Te Guio – Mentoring Program provides youth in 9th–10th grades with a mentor to guide them on a path to graduate high school, enroll in higher education, and transition to a healthy adulthood. Volunteers focus on the academic and personal goals of 9th and 10th graders through a variety of weekly workshops from 3-6 pm on Tuesdays at Francis L Cardozo Educational Campus at 1200 Clifton St NW DC 20009 or Thursdays at Calvin Coolidge Senior HS.

Contacts: programs@latinostudentfund.org; /202-244-3438 /www.latinostudentfund.org
Tutoring: Clara Lincoln clincoln@latinostudentfund.org / LISTO and TeGuio:
Marvin Mundo mmundo@latinostudentfund.org

Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)
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 offer tutoring and administrative support for all educational programs, assist in community service projects, and serve as mentors to share the college experience with others taking on, or considering, the college application process. Volunteer can complete hours with varying hours that range from 10am – 6pm.

Contact: George Garcia /George@layc-dc.org / (202) 768-7800/ http://www.layc-dc.org
1419 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

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 pass a background check & Child Protection Clearance. Key is ability to connect with urban youth.

Contact: Erin Tarpley /202-866-0409 3224/ erin@laycca.org/ www.laycca.org/contactus.html
16th St NW, Washington DC 20010

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. For information on service-learning call or email Doris Ruano.

Contact: Doris Ruano/ (202) 722-4404; ex:108/ dorisruano@sedcenter.org /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, we have served more than 100,000 low-income immigrants throughout Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia. Ayuda’s expert and dedicated professionals help immigrants from anywhere in the world navigate the immigration and justice systems and access the social safety net. This comprehensive and welcoming approach breaks down barriers, helps those in need, and makes our communities stronger. Volunteers assist with essential administrative tasks, from creating donation drives, scanning and organizing closed case files, to staffing tables at outreach events and working on translations. However, volunteer positions are very limited due to staff capacity to supervise and high levels of interest. Please reach out to Laura to see what volunteer positions are available, if any, and to determine at which office you would prefer to volunteer. (Silver Spring, Fairfax, or Takoma DC).
Contact: Laura Trask / Laura.trask@ayuda.com / 202-387-4848 / www.ayuda.com
6925 B Willow Street NW Washington, DC 20012

CASA
CASA is a non-profit immigrant advocacy and services organization located in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. CASA provides employment placement, workforce development and training, health education, citizenship and legal services, financial services, and language and literacy training. CASA’s mission is to create a more just society by building power and improving the quality of life in immigrant communities. A volunteer for the Citizenship Legal Clinic is available. They will help prepare USCIS naturalization forms for low-income immigrants/families in Prince George’s and Montgomery County residents. Also, they will assist with legal permanent residents who are applying for citizenship. Volunteers will be trained by program coordinator and is available on campus upon request. Volunteers may participate in one clinic or continue attending each month, space-permitting. 2404915774
Contact: Samuel Haberman / 240-670-4849 / shaberman@wearecasa.org / www.wearecasa.org / 14645 Rothgeb Drive, Rockville, MD 20874

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.
Contact: Rachel Gittinger / 202-328-9799 / rachel.gittinger@carecendc.org / www.carecendc.org
1460 Columbia Rd NW Washington DC

Capitol Area Immigration Reform (CAIR) Coalition
CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants from DC, Virginia & Maryland to ensure that all immigrants are treated with dignity and respect. They seek volunteers for jail visits and to serve on the detainee hotline. Students volunteering for jail visits would, under the supervision of attorneys, visit federal immigration facilities in Virginia and Maryland and meet with immigrant detainees. They assist with conducting legal intakes and applications for relief. Students on the hotline receive calls from detainees or their friends/relatives wishing to contact the CAIR Coalition on a 2-hour slot basis. Volunteers answer phones and help detainees connect with their attorney free of charge using our conference system, conducting phone intakes, or providing information about upcoming jail visits. CAIR will train all volunteers before they go on jail visits or serve on the hotline.
Contact: Jessica Depies / www.caircoalition.org / jessica@caircoalition.org / volunteer@caircoalition.org;
1612 K Street NW DC 20006; Suite 204

MLOV (Many Languages, One Voice)
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. 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 community, to develop an agenda that reflects their needs and builds grassroots power. In the fall, volunteers can help organize a Peacewalk, Know Your Rights workshops and outreach, and do other organizing.
Contact: Megan Macaraeg / 202 838 8658; 3166 /megan@mlovdc.org /
Mt Pleasant St NW, DC 20010
Adult Education, Employment and Training

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, further their education, be successful in today’s job market, and play an active role in their child’s education. Volunteers will assist basic, intermediate or advanced adult ESOL classes. There are classes between 9-11:30am and 12:30-3pm at our four sites.

Contact: Barbara Toure / Adult Education Instructional Coach / btoure@briya.org,
Fort Totten -- 100 Gallatin St. NE DC / (202) 232-777/
Adams Morgan – 2333 Ontario Road NW DC 20011 / (202) 420-7200/
Petworth -- 3912 Georgia Ave NW DC / (202) 545-2020 /

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.

Contact: Ernesto Yombo / Assistant Principal / eyombo@carlosrosario.org
514 V Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 / 202-734-4900 ext 402.

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.

Contact: Francisco Pacheco / Lead Field Organizer / genaro0519@aol.com / 202-332-2873
1419 V Street NW, Suite 308 - Washington DC 20009

Health, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse

La Clínica del Pueblo

La Clínica 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 available.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator/volunterr@lcdp.org / 202-462-0156
2831 15th St. NW DC 20009/

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.

Contact: Maria-Lynn Okanlawon / Development Coordinator, Volunteers & Special Events /
mokanlowan@maryscenter.org / 202-420-7014 / www.maryscenter.org/
2333 Ontario Rd, NW DC 20009
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 grants to different community organizations and collaborates with a 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 or assist with tasks such as office support, event planning, and community outreach.

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

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/
2822 Georgia Ave. NW DC

Arts
GALA Hispanic Theatre (Grupo de Artistas Latino Americanos)
GALA 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. Basic conversational Spanish is desirable, but there is no language requirement for administrative and management volunteers.

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

Hola Cultura DC
Hola Cultura DC is a nonprofit organization that also produces a series of web-documentaries on DC's Latino culture and arts events. They see 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. They also hold events to celebrate Hispanic Month. Volunteers can help Hola Cultura produce, promote and host 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/

Contact:  Christine MacDonald /holacultura@gmail.com/tina@holacultura.com/202-722-033/ www.holacultura.com