



Latino Community

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Youth & Education

The Latino Student Fund (LSF)

LSF offers three volunteer options: **Listo College Preparation Program:** work with 12 graders to help them complete the college and scholarship application process. Volunteers are needed 3-6 pm Thursdays at Francis L Cardozo Educational Campus or Tuesdays at Calvin Coolidge Senior HS. 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, which is walkable from AU's campus. Individualized tutoring helps students (PreK through 12 grade) in math & reading, as well as helping adults with English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer classes. The **Te Guio – Mentoring Program** provides youth in 9–10 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 9 and 10 graders through a variety of weekly workshops from 3-6 pm on Tuesdays at Francis L Cardozo Educational Campus or Thursdays at Calvin Coolidge Senior HS.

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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: Nicolas Matheus / 202-319-2228 / nicolasm@laycca.org / www.laycca.org
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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 x108 / dorisruano@sedcenter.org / www.sedcenter.org
4110 Kansas Ave NW, Washington, DC 20542

The Family Place

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At The Family Place, we strive to promote stability and well-being for immigrant & low-income families in the Washington, DC area. We offer free education, support services, case management, and social support in Spanish. We are looking for volunteers to support our teachers, participate in our English Conversation Club, and support preparing for citizenship tests.

Contact: Yinzu Nairouz / (202) 265-0149 / ynairouz@thefamilyplacedc.org / thefamilyplacedc.org
3309 16th St NW, Washington, DC 2001

Adult Education, Employment and Training

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 x402

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. Our main need of support is with tutoring and interpretation. Virtual opportunities available.

Contact: Brandon Pless / 202-328-9799 x236 / Brandon.Pless@carecencd.org / www.carecencd.org
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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
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Health & Wellness

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, Washington, DC 20001

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, Washington DC 20009

Latino GLBT History Project

The Latino GLBT History Project (LHP) responds to the critical need of preserving and educating people about the history of the Latino LGBTQ community in Washington, DC. To accomplish our mission, it develops cultural events throughout the year, such as DC Latino Pride and Hispanic LGBTQ Heritage Month reception.

Contact: (202) 670-5547 / www.latinoglbthistory.org / online application
2000 14th St. NW, Suite 105, Washington 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: Ronal Avila / ronal.avila@dc.gov / (202) 671-2823 / www.ola.dc.gov
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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 / www.maldef.org
1016 16th St NW, Suite 100, 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 / www.nprcinc.org
1220 L Street NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20005

UnidosUS

UnidosUS 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.

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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. Volunteers 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, Washington, 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 seek 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/>

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