



# Education & Community Resource Guide



## Advocacy/Policy

| Organization Name   | Description  | Contact   |                              |
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| Bellwether Education  | Bellwether Education Partners is a nonprofit dedicated to helping education organizations in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors become more effective in their work and achieve dramatic results, especially for high-need students.   | <a href="http://bellwethereducation.org/">http://bellwethereducation.org/</a> |                              |
| Children’s Law Center                                       | Nonprofit corporation providing free legal services to children, families and foster caregivers in the District of Columbia.   | <a href="http://childrenslawcenter.org">http://childrenslawcenter.org</a>     | 202-467-4900                 |
| City Year DC  | At City Year, we’re working to bridge the gap in high-poverty communities between the support that students actually need, and what their schools are designed and resourced to provide. In doing so, we’re helping to increase graduation rates across the country, and changing the lives of the students we serve.  | <a href="http://cityyear.org/dc">http://cityyear.org/dc</a>                   | 202-776-7780                 |
| Communities in Schools DC (Nation’s Capital)                | Communities In Schools is the largest, most effective dropout prevention organization dedicated to keeping kids in school and helping them to succeed.   | <a href="http://cisionscapital.org">http://cisionscapital.org</a>             | 202-333-2277 or 202-563-5788 |
| Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of DC | Our mission is to promote court appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused and neglected child in the DC foster care system can be safe, establish permanence and have the opportunity to thrive. This mission is carried out through the recruitment, training and support of volunteer advocates (CASA volunteers) who serve youth in DC.   | <a href="http://casadc.org/">http://casadc.org/</a>                           | 202-887-0007                 |
| DC Action for Children                                      | DC Action provides data-based analysis and policy leadership on critical issues facing DC children and youth, to promote policies and actions that optimize child and family well-being.   | <a href="http://dcactionforchildren.org">http://dcactionforchildren.org</a>   | 202-234-9404                 |
| DC Alliance for Youth Advocates                             | The DC Alliance of Youth Advocates (DCAYA) is a coalition of youth-engaged organizations, youth and concerned residents formed to ensure that all children and youth in the District of Columbia have access to high-quality and affordable developmental opportunities. We accomplish this mission by crafting policy recommendations, providing structured advocacy opportunities for our members and allies, networking and empowering youth. | <a href="http://www.dc-aya.org/">http://www.dc-aya.org/</a>                   | 202-587-0616                 |
| DC Appleseed Center for Law & Justice                       | DC Appleseed solves problems affecting the daily lives of those who live and work in the National Capital area. As our region responds to the challenges posed by the current economic downturn, DC Appleseed’s collaborative approach to addressing problems is more important than ever. The financial support we receive is multiplied many times over by thousands of hours of donated pro bono time. We work with volunteer                 | <a href="http://dcappleseed.com">http://dcappleseed.com</a>                   | 202-289-8007                 |



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|   | attorneys, business leaders, and community experts to identify pressing challenges, conduct research and analysis, make specific recommendations for reform, and implement effective solutions.   |   |                |
| DC Fiscal Policy Institute                                  | The DC Fiscal Policy Institute conducts research and public education on budget and tax issues in the District of Columbia, with a particular emphasis on issues that affect low- and moderate-income residents.  | <a href="http://www.dcfpi.org/">http://www.dcfpi.org/</a>                 | 202-408-1080   |
| DC Youth Advisory Council                                   | The DCYAC is a 32-member body of youth from all of the wards of the District of Columbia. It is a diverse group of youth from various social, racial, and economic backgrounds, united to improve the quality of life for DC youth.   | <a href="http://dcyac.dc.gov">http://dcyac.dc.gov</a>                     | 202- 727-7966  |
| Empower DC  | The mission of Empower DC is to enhance, improve and promote the self-advocacy of low and moderate income DC residents in order to bring about sustained improvements in their quality of life. We accomplish our mission through grassroots organizing and trainings, leadership development, and community education.   | <a href="http://www.empowerdc.org">www.empowerdc.org</a>                  | 202-234-9119   |
| Georgetown University -- Center for Juvenile Justice Reform | CJJR supports and educates leaders across systems of care to advance a balanced, multi-systems approach to improving outcomes for, and promoting the positive development of, youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement.  | <a href="http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/">http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/</a>     | 202-687-4942   |
| Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, The          | The Committee's major objective is to use the skills and resources of the bar to obtain equal opportunity for minorities by addressing factors that contribute to racial justice and economic opportunity. The Lawyers' Committee implements its mission and objectives by marshaling the pro bono resources of the bar for litigation, public policy advocacy, and other forms of service by lawyers to the cause of civil rights.   | <a href="https://lawyerscommittee.org/">https://lawyerscommittee.org/</a> |                |
| Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia               | DC's oldest and largest civil legal services organization. The domestic violence/family law attorneys represent clients in a wide range of intrafamily matters in the DC Superior Court.  | <a href="http://legalaiddc.org">http://legalaiddc.org</a>                 | (202) 628-1161 |
| National Alliance of Public Charter Schools                 | We are working to grow the number of high-quality charter schools available to all families, especially those who do not have access to high-quality public schools.  | <a href="http://www.publiccharters.org">www.publiccharters.org</a>        | 202-289-2700   |
| New America Education                                       | The New America Foundation's Education Policy Program uses original research and policy analysis to solve the nation's critical education problems, serving as a trusted source of objective analysis and innovative ideas for policymakers, educators, and the public at large. We combine a steadfast concern for low-income and historically disadvantaged people with a belief that better information about education can vastly | <a href="http://newamerica.org">http://newamerica.org</a>                 | 202-986-2700   |



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|                                  | improve both the policies that govern educational institutions and the quality of learning itself.   |   |                    |
| Partners for Educational Justice | We're committed to reclaiming the promise of public education for all students. Our passionate team of parent leaders, education advocates and legal experts empowers local communities to strengthen their schools by pursuing common sense policy changes. We provide the resources and support families need to get the schools they deserve. | <a href="http://edjustice.org">http://edjustice.org</a>             | info@edjustice.org |
| Safe Shores                      | DC Children's Advocacy Center  | <a href="http://www.safeshores.org/">http://www.safeshores.org/</a> | 202-645-3200       |