

**ADVOCACY/POLICY**

Organization Name	Description	Contact	
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>	877-636-0909
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 attorneys, business leaders, and community experts to identify pressing challenges, conduct research and analysis, make specific recommendations for reform, and implement effective solutions.	<a href="http://dcappleseed.com">http://dcappleseed.com</a>	202-289-8007
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>	202-886-5180
DC Trust	D.C. Children's Trust Fund (DCCTF) is a public/private partnership established in 1993 through legislation passed by the District of Columbia City Council and authorized by the Mayor. The legislation created a nonprofit organization designed to stimulate innovative programs to prevent child abuse and neglect. The mission of the D.C. Children's Trust Fund is to foster the well-being of the District's children and their families by leading the way toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect. DCCTF serves as a catalyst for prevention efforts by leveraging private and governmental resources to provide support and technical assistance to community-based organizations, schools, and churches to strengthen families and thereby reduce the risk of child abuse.	<a href="http://www.dcctf.org/">http://www.dcctf.org/</a>	202-299-0900
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	CJR 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://cjr.georgetown.edu/">http://cjr.georgetown.edu/</a>	202-687-4942
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Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law	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>	202-662-8600
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
Arts Education DC	The mission of Art Education DC (AEDC) is to advance quality visual arts education in Washington, DC through a strong and vibrant professional community embracing advocacy and professional development. AEDC effectively communicates and advocates for the importance of student learning and lifelong learning. This includes access to programs, services, and resources in emerging research, which inform practice in quality visual arts education.	<a href="http://www.arteducationdc.org/">http://www.arteducationdc.org/</a>	
Coalition for DC Public Schools & Communities	The Coalition for Public Schools & Communities is committed to excellent public education opportunities for all children in our city. Our members are a diverse group of activists – Ward-level education councils, school organizations and other groups – who share a common goal.	<a href="http://www.c4dcpublicschools.org/">www.c4dcpublicschools.org/</a>	c4dcpublicschools@gmail.com
DC Association for Special Education	DC education ASE is an alliance of nonpublic and charter schools that provide special services to students from the District of Columbia. Members are dedicated to improving educational opportunities for all DC students with disabilities.	<a href="http://dcase.org/">http://dcase.org/</a>	202-615-3070

DC School Reform Now	DC School Reform Now is educating, organizing and advocating to build support for public education strategies that prepare kids to become college and career ready.	<a href="http://dcschoolreform.org">http://dcschoolreform.org</a>	202-315-2424
DC Special Education Cooperative	The Co-op fills a unique community need in DC by working with teachers, school leaders, and across charter schools to improve educational services for students with disabilities. By pooling resources between independent charter schools, the Co-op also acts as a “central office” for DCPCS spread throughout the city serving a diverse range of students.	<a href="http://specialedcoop.org">http://specialedcoop.org</a>	470-222-3309
Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative	Their mission is to strengthen families and build vibrant communities in Wards 5 and 6 in Washington, D.C., through the fostering and creating neighborhood-based support networks that promote healthy families, safe neighborhoods and a thriving city for all residents.	<a href="http://ebfsc.org/">http://ebfsc.org/</a>	202-832-9400
The Education Town Hall	The Education Town Hall is the intersection where parents, students, teachers, administrators, community members, policy makers and politicians can all meet to share stories, struggles, and solutions. The show airs on Thursdays at 11am on WeActRadio.com	<a href="http://educationtownhall.org/">http://educationtownhall.org/</a>	240-375-3705
Fight for Children	We fight to improve the lives of children in low-income neighborhoods in Washington, DC. Strengthening schools by providing school leaders and teachers the training and tools they need to help students succeed since 1990.	<a href="http://fightforchildren.org">http://fightforchildren.org</a>	202-772-0400
The Grassroots Education Project	The Grassroots Education Project empowers communities to serve schools and improve outcomes. Our vision is to transform the relationship all neighborhood schools have with their surrounding community, developing a sense of shared responsibility leading to direct collective action to improve student outcomes.	<a href="http://www.grassrootseducationproject.org/">http://www.grassrootseducationproject.org/</a>	202-719-0525
National Association for the Education of Young Children	The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a professional membership organization that works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.	<a href="http://www.naeyc.org">www.naeyc.org</a>	202-232-8777

National Network for Youth	The nation's leading organization advocating at the federal level to educate the public and policymakers about the needs of homeless and disconnected youth.	<a href="http://nn4youth.org">http://nn4youth.org</a>	202-783-7949
Raise DC	Raise DC is a cross-sector partnership of local stakeholders formed to promote a culture shift from competition over Washington, DC, resources to collaboration, in providing every youth with opportunities to succeed from cradle to career.	<a href="http://www.raisedc.org/">www.raisedc.org/</a>	202-973-2509
Senior High Alliance of Parents Principals and Educators	S.H.A.P.P.E. is an organization of the District of Columbia Public (DCPS) high school parent leaders, concerned educators and principals in Washington D.C.	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/shappesite/">https://sites.google.com/site/shappesite/</a>	202-722-4462 or dc.s.h.a.p.p.e@gmail.com
Stand 4 Children	Stand for Children is an education advocacy organization devoted to improving public schools and closing the achievement gap.	<a href="http://stand.org">http://stand.org</a>	206-632-7451
Ward 1 Education Collaborative	We are a group of parents and advocates whose children attend public schools in Ward 1, Washington, DC. We are dedicated to strengthening our neighborhood schools and building community.	<a href="https://ward1educationcollaborative.wordpress.com/">https://ward1educationcollaborative.wordpress.com/</a>	Ward1EducationCollaborative@gmail.com
Ward 2 Education Network	Advocating for W2 schools – Keeping communities informed.	<a href="https://twitter.com/ward2ednetwork">https://twitter.com/ward2ednetwork</a>	W2EdNetwork@gmail.com
Ward 3 Education Network	Ward 3-Wilson Feeder Ed Net brings together school communities of the Wilson feeder pattern to promote a better public school system for all Washingtonians.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/W3EdNet">https://www.facebook.com/W3EdNet</a>	w3ednet@gmail.com
Ward 4 Education Alliance	The Ward 4 Education Alliance brings together Ward 4 parents, students, educators, and community members to share information and advocate for continued improvement in the quality of education in Ward 4 DCPS schools.	<a href="https://ward4edalliance.org/">https://ward4edalliance.org/</a>	202-722-4462
Ward 5 Council on Education	The Ward Five Council on Education (W5COE), a 501 (c) 3 organization founded in 1989, is dedicated to improving the quality of education in Ward 5 Schools in the northeast quadrant of Washington, DC.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/W5COE/">https://www.facebook.com/W5COE/</a>	202-505-4309

Ward 6 -Capitol Hill Public Schools Parent Organization	To promote cooperation among the parent organizations of the public schools on Capitol Hill in order to improve the education received by all children attending our schools.	<a href="https://chpspo.wordpress.com/">https://chpspo.wordpress.com/</a>	CHPSPO@gmail.com
Ward 7 Education Council	The Ward 7 Education Council is dedicated to the continued improvement of our quality of education in Ward 7 and throughout the District of Columbia.	<a href="http://ward7edcouncil.org/">http://ward7edcouncil.org/</a>	Ward7ed@yahoo.com
Ward 8 Council on Education	The #Ward8 Education Council's mission is to increase student attendance, build community partnerships & strengthen parent engagement.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1082150631843856/?ref=br_rs">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1082150631843856/?ref=br_rs</a>	
Youth Advocate Program	YAP is a nationally recognized, nonprofit organization exclusively committed to the provision of community-based alternatives to out-of-home care through direct service, advocacy and policy change.	<a href="http://www.yapinc.org">www.yapinc.org</a>	717-232-7580
DC Eduphile	A blog about public education in DC.	<a href="http://www.dceduphile.org/">http://www.dceduphile.org/</a>	
Education News	EducationNews.org is a fresh approach to the age-old problem of increasing coverage of education news. Unfortunately, education is not a topic that news organizations are able to provide premium coverage to all the time, thus ironically, all education experts face the same problem – the difficulty of educating the public.	<a href="http://www.educationnews.org/">http://www.educationnews.org/</a>	
Education Town Hall	The Education Town Hall is the intersection where parents, students, teachers, administrators, community members, policy makers and politicians can all meet to share stories, struggles, and solutions. The show airs on Thursdays at 11am on WeActRadio.com	<a href="http://educationtownhall.org/">http://educationtownhall.org/</a>	202-889-9797
Education Week	Our mission is to raising the level of understanding and discourse on critical issues in American education.	<a href="http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html">http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html</a>	

EducationDC	A blog by, for, and about everyone interested in public education in DC	<a href="http://educationdc.net/">http://educationdc.net/</a>	
Edvocate	The Edvocate was created in 2014 to argue for shifts in education policy and organization in order to enhance the quality of education and the opportunities for learning afforded to America's students. What we envisage may not be the most straightforward or the most conventional ideas. We call for a relatively radical and certainly quite comprehensive reorganization of American's P-20 system.	<a href="http://www.theedvocate.org/">http://www.theedvocate.org/</a>	
Fox News		<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/us/education/index.html">http://www.foxnews.com/us/education/index.html</a>	
Greater Greater Washington	Greater Greater Washington builds informed and civically engaged communities who believe in a growing and inclusive Washington region and speak up for livable communities and high-quality education for all.	<a href="https://ggwash.org/">https://ggwash.org/</a>	
Huffington Post- Education		<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/education/">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/education/</a>	
New York Times		<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/pages/education/index.html">http://www.nytimes.com/pages/education/index.html</a>	
The NPR		<a href="http://www.npr.org/sections/education/">http://www.npr.org/sections/education/</a>	
Parent Toolkit	The Parent Toolkit will help you navigate your child's journey from pre-kindergarten through high school. It is designed to help you track and support progress at each stage.	<a href="http://www.parenttoolkit.com/">http://www.parenttoolkit.com/</a>	
Real Clear Education	RealClearEducation provides links to the most impactful news, thoughtful commentary and important reports and publishes original content and analysis. RealClearEducation allows you to efficiently access information	<a href="http://realcleareducation.com">http://realcleareducation.com</a>	



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US News and World Report	U.S. News has earned a reputation as the leading provider of service news and information that improves the quality of life of its readers by focusing on health, personal finance, education, travel, cars, news and opinion.	<a href="http://www.usnews.com/education">http://www.usnews.com/education</a>	
Washington Post		<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/</a>	
The Child and Family Services	The DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) is the public child welfare agency in the District of Columbia responsible for protecting child victims and those at risk of abuse and neglect and assisting their families.	<a href="http://cfsa.dc.gov/">http://cfsa.dc.gov/</a>	202-442-6100
DC Council -- Committee on Education	The Committee on Education is responsible for all matters related to public education, including authorizing public charter schools, but not including matters exclusively within the University of the District of Columbia or the Community College of the District of Columbia; truancy (jointly with the Committee of the Whole); and public libraries.	<a href="https://dccouncil.us/committees/education/">https://dccouncil.us/committees/education/</a>	202-724-8061
DC Department of Health - Community Health Administration (Infants, Children, Teens and School Health)	DOH operates a number of programs to ensure that infants, children and teens are equipped with the necessary tools and services to make them successful at home, in school, and in their communities. Please follow the program links below for more information on DOH's programs serving DC's infants, children and teens.	<a href="http://doh.dc.gov/service/infants-children-teens-and-school-health">http://doh.dc.gov/service/infants-children-teens-and-school-health</a>	202-442-5955
DC Department of Human Services - Family Services Administration	The agency provides protection, intervention and social services to meet the needs of vulnerable adults and families to help reduce risk and promote self-sufficiency.	<a href="http://dhs.dc.gov/service/family-services">http://dhs.dc.gov/service/family-services</a>	202-671-4200
DC Department of Human Services - Housing and Shelter	The agency provides emergency and ongoing housing support and services to help individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless transition into or maintain permanent affordable housing.	<a href="http://dhs.dc.gov/service/housing-and-shelter">http://dhs.dc.gov/service/housing-and-shelter</a>	202-671-4200
DC Interagency Council on Homelessness	The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) is a group of cabinet-level leaders, providers of homeless services, advocates, homeless and formerly homeless leaders that come together to inform and guide the District's strategies and policies for meeting the needs of individuals and families who	<a href="http://ich.dc.gov/">http://ich.dc.gov/</a>	202-724-1338

	are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless in the District of Columbia.		
DC Public Charter School Board	Our goal is to ensure that students and families in Washington, DC have access to quality public charter school education. We do that by setting tough academic standards, using a comprehensive charter application review process and effective oversight, providing meaningful support and actively involving parents, school leaders, the community, and policy makers.	<a href="http://www.dcpsb.org/">http://www.dcpsb.org/</a>	202-328-2660
DC Public Charter School Board - Complaints and Concerns Line	To reach the hotline, please call (202) 328-2660	<a href="http://www.dcpsb.org/contact-us">http://www.dcpsb.org/contact-us</a>	202-328-2660
DC Public Charter School Board -- Special Education	Our goal is to ensure that students and families in Washington, DC have access to quality public charter school education. We do that by setting tough academic standards, using a comprehensive charter application review process and effective oversight, providing meaningful support and actively involving parents, school leaders, the community, and policy makers.	<a href="http://www.dcpsb.org/report/special-education">http://www.dcpsb.org/report/special-education</a>	202-328- 2660
DC Public Charter School Board -- Student Records	There are two ways that you can access student records. If the school the student attended remains open, contact the school directly. If it is closed, contact PCSB at (202) 328-2660.	<a href="http://www.dcpsb.org/where-can-i-find-my-student-records">http://www.dcpsb.org/where-can-i-find-my-student-records</a>	202-328-2660
DC Public Education Fund	DC Ed Fund celebrates and is encouraged by DC Public Schools' success and looks forward to our continued partnership to accelerate student achievement.	<a href="http://www.dceducationfund.org/">http://www.dceducationfund.org/</a>	
DC Public Library	The library provides environments that invite reading, learning and community discussion and equips people to learn all their lives, to embrace diversity and to build a thriving city. We are proud to be a recognized force in the community for engaging the mind, expanding opportunities and elevating the quality of life.	<a href="http://dclibrary.org">http://dclibrary.org</a>	
DC Public Schools -- Student Records	If the high school you attended is still in operation, please contact the high school registrar.	<a href="http://dcps.dc.gov/service/request-transcripts-and-diplomas">http://dcps.dc.gov/service/request-transcripts-and-diplomas</a>	

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
DCPS - Adult and Family Education	Adult and Family Education is a federally established agency that: re-grants federal and local funds to eligible providers of adult education services; facilitates state leadership activities including professional development, technical assistance and monitoring; and, maintains and reports state and local program performance, progress and outcome data.	<a href="http://dcps.dc.gov/afe">http://dcps.dc.gov/afe</a>	202-741-5531
DCPS - Ballou STAY	Ballou STAY's mission is to deliver a high-quality academic and career/technical program that will lead to a high school diploma or vocational certificate. Ballou STAY offers traditional and accelerated diploma programs in addition to GED Prep and External Diploma Programs. Ballou STAY also offers vocational programs such as automotive technology, barbering, cosmetology, Microsoft Office courses, and culinary arts.	<a href="http://balloustay.com">http://balloustay.com</a>	202-645-3390
DCPS - Community Action Team	Each CAT coordinator is responsible for building and sustaining strategic relationships with key community stakeholders, specifically those who have been historically underrepresented in our decision-making process. The CAT is also responsible for assisting DCPS stakeholders in support of their access to information and resources offered by DCPS and communicating emerging needs and trends back to DCPS.	<a href="https://dcps.dc.gov/page/community-action-team">https://dcps.dc.gov/page/community-action-team</a>	202-719-6613
DCPS - District of Columbia Public Schools	To ensure that every DCPS school provides a world-class education that prepares ALL of our students, regardless of background or circumstance, for success in college, career and life.	<a href="http://dcps.dc.gov/">http://dcps.dc.gov/</a>	202-442-5885
DCPS - Language Access Program	The Language Access Program is dedicated to removing language as a barrier to obtaining information and services from the District government. Whether you are a member of the public or a District employee, this is where you can find resources to help you understand and fulfill your language access rights and responsibilities.	<a href="https://ohr.dc.gov/service/language-access-program-information-portal">https://ohr.dc.gov/service/language-access-program-information-portal</a>	202-671-0754
DCPS - Office of Bilingual Education	An English language learner (ELL) student is defined as a linguistically and culturally diverse (LCD) student who has an overall English Language Proficiency (ELP) level of 1-4 on the ACCESS for ELLs™ test administered each year.	<a href="https://dcps.dc.gov/service/supports-english-learners-els">https://dcps.dc.gov/service/supports-english-learners-els</a>	202-671-0754

DCPS - Office of Family and Public Engagement	The Office of Family and Public Engagement works to accelerate the rate of achievement in DC Public Schools by investing families and the greater DC community in student and school success.	<a href="https://dcps.dc.gov/page/family-engagement">https://dcps.dc.gov/page/family-engagement</a>	202-719-6613
DCPS - Office of Special Education	The Office of Special Education aspires to be recognized and respected as a leader in urban special education. We are determined to do whatever it takes to ensure that students with disabilities become successful adults holding good jobs, living independently and engaging in the community.	<a href="https://dcps.dc.gov/specialeducation">https://dcps.dc.gov/specialeducation</a>	202-442-4800
DCPS -- Parent Curriculum Guides	The Office of Family and Public Engagement and the Office of Teaching and Learning collaborated to create grade specific Parent Guides. These guides give you the tools you need to support your child's learning at home. In this booklet, you'll find strategies based on the DCPS curriculum to help your child meet his or her learning goals.	<a href="http://dcps.dc.gov/node/1114421">http://dcps.dc.gov/node/1114421</a>	202-442-5885
DCPS -- Parent Resources	Our Purpose: To ensure that every DCPS school provides a world-class education that prepares ALL of our students, regardless of background or circumstance, for success in college, career and life.	<a href="http://dcps.dc.gov/page/parent-resources-family-community">http://dcps.dc.gov/page/parent-resources-family-community</a>	202-442-5885
DCPS - Roosevelt STAY	Roosevelt STAY is an oasis where every student receives a personalized learning experience that addresses both academic and social emotional needs and mandates students to become entrepreneurs of their own learning. Our mission it To ensure an equitable, dynamic, and rigorous education experience in a welcoming environment, for every student, every day, that prepares them for unlimited success in both college and on a global platform.	<a href="https://www.rstayopportunityacademy.org/">https://www.rstayopportunityacademy.org/</a>	202-576-8399
DCPS -- Special Education Resources for Parents	We're committed to helping all students become successful adults holding good jobs, living independently and engaging in the community. An important component of achieving these goals is ensuring that our schools are inclusive schools that can serve the needs of all our students.	<a href="http://dcps.dc.gov/page/special-education-resources-parents">http://dcps.dc.gov/page/special-education-resources-parents</a>	202-+442-5885
District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program	The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP) provides K-12 scholarships to District families interested in enrolling their child(ren) in one of over 50 participating private schools. Learn about the family eligibility requirements, application process, and if you are a returning parent, how to continue receiving an OSP scholarship.	<a href="http://www.dcscholarships.org/">www.dcscholarships.org/</a>	888-329-6884
Domestic Violence Intake Center	The DVIC provides a single access point for victims of domestic violence by conducting intake evaluations, providing counseling, safety planning, assisting victims in drafting pleadings and other documents necessary for acquisition of protective orders and free legal representation.	<a href="http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/domestic-violence-intake-center">http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/domestic-violence-intake-center</a>	202-727-7137

LearnDC	LearnDC is a one-stop source for information and resources about education that create opportunities for DC students in college, careers and life.	<a href="http://www.learndc.org">www.learndc.org</a>	202-727-6436
Mayor's Office of LGBT Affairs	The Office of LGBTQ Affairs works in collaboration with an Advisory Committee, appointed by the Mayor, to define issues of concern to the LGBTQ community and find innovative ways of utilizing government resources to help address these issues.	<a href="http://lgbtq.dc.gov/">http://lgbtq.dc.gov/</a>	202-727-9493
Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute	The Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute (MBYLI) was founded in 1979 as a year-round program to train District of Columbia youth in the concepts of leadership and self-development. The MBYLI training model emphasizes practical, hands-on experience and a holistic approach to developing leaders for the 21st century.	<a href="http://does.dc.gov/service/marion-barry-youth-leadership-institute">http://does.dc.gov/service/marion-barry-youth-leadership-institute</a>	202-698-3991
MPD -- Domestic Violence Resources	The policy of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is to treat all victims/witnesses in a respectful, responsive, and compassionate manner that reflects the Department's recognition of the trauma of victimization. A member's interaction with the victim/witness of a crime shall not contribute additional harm. Toward that end, MPD members assist crime victims by providing them with information about their rights and available programs and services that can help them cope with physical injury, emotional trauma, and economic loss.	<a href="http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/domestic-violence-resources">http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/domestic-violence-resources</a>	202-727-7137
MPD-- Sexual Assault Resources	The policy of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is to treat all victims/witnesses in a respectful, responsive, and compassionate manner that reflects the Department's recognition of the trauma of victimization. A member's interaction with the victim/witness of a crime shall not contribute additional harm. Toward that end, MPD members assist crime victims by providing them with information about their rights and available programs and services that can help them cope with physical injury, emotional trauma, and economic loss.	<a href="http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/sexual-assault-resources">http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/sexual-assault-resources</a>	202-727-3700

MySchoolDC	DC residents have many public school options. My School DC, in partnership with DCPS and almost all DC public charter schools, makes it easier for families to take advantage of these choices.	<a href="http://www.myschooldc.org/">http://www.myschooldc.org/</a>	202-888-6336
Office of Human Rights - Citywide Youth Bullying Prevention Program	The Citywide Youth Bullying Prevention Program aims to reduce incidents of bullying across the District by emphasizing prevention and proper procedures for responding when incidents occur. The program works with youth-serving government agencies, District schools and youth-serving government grantees to ensure bullying prevention policies are adopted and implemented in ways consistent with the best practices adopted by the Youth Bullying Prevention Task Force.	<a href="http://ohr.dc.gov/page/bullyingprevention">http://ohr.dc.gov/page/bullyingprevention</a>	202-727-4559 or bullyingprevention@dc.gov
Office of Human Rights - Language Access Program	The Language Access (LA) Program exists to ensure District residents who are limited or non-English proficient are afforded equal access to information and services provided by the District. Residents who speak little English must be offered interpretation services and/or translated documents when obtaining government services, as required by the Language Access Act of 2004. The LA Program staff engages in extensive community outreach, provide training and technical support to District agencies working with LEP/NEP residents, and measure the effectiveness of agencies in serving such populations by examining resource allocation and service delivery.	<a href="http://ohr.dc.gov/service/language-access-program">http://ohr.dc.gov/service/language-access-program</a>	202-727-4559
Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education	The Office of the Ombudsman is responsible for helping students and parents resolve problems as they engage with the District of Columbia Public Schools and public charter schools. The Office offers conflict resolution services to parents, families, and students and is committed to resolving school related complaints, disputes and problems quickly and efficiently in all areas that affect student learning.	<a href="http://sboe.dc.gov/ombudsman">http://sboe.dc.gov/ombudsman</a>	202-741-0886
Office of the Student Advocate	It is our mission to empower students, parents, families, and community members to achieve equal access to public education through advocacy, outreach, and information assistance to navigate the public education system in the District of Columbia.	<a href="http://sboe.dc.gov/studentadvocate">http://sboe.dc.gov/studentadvocate</a>	202-741-4692
OSSE - Adult and Family Education	Adult and Family Education is a federally established agency that: re-grants federal and local funds to eligible providers of adult education services; facilitates state leadership activities including professional development,	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/afe">http://osse.dc.gov/afe</a>	202-741-5531

	technical assistance and monitoring; and maintains and reports state and local program performance, progress and outcome data.		
OSSE - Career and Technical Education (CTE)	OSSE administers federal funds available under the Carl D. Perkins Act to leverage active working partnerships with DC Public Schools, D.C. public charter schools, the University of the District of Columbia Community College, and the private sector to foster and improve high quality, high performance CTE programs of study that are accessible to every student.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/career-and-technical-education-cte">http://osse.dc.gov/service/career-and-technical-education-cte</a>	202-727-8576
OSSE - College Application Week	DC College Application Week is part of a national effort to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students who pursue a postsecondary education. The goal of DC College Application Week is to assist all graduating seniors, especially those who may not otherwise apply to college, in navigating the complex college admissions process and ensure that each participating student completes and submits at least one application.	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-college-application-week-host-sites">https://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-college-application-week-host-sites</a>	202-741-6415
OSSE - DC Reengagement Center	The DC Reengagement Center is a “single-door” through which youth (ages 16-24) who have dropped out can reconnect back to educational options and other critical services to support their attainment of a high school diploma or GED.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov">http://osse.dc.gov</a>	202-671-2539
OSSE - DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DC TAG)	The DCTAG team is excited to share information with you about how you can use DCTAG to decrease the cost of college if you are an eligible DC student.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-tuition-assistance-grant-dc-tag">http://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-tuition-assistance-grant-dc-tag</a>	202-727-2824
OSSE - Early Learning	The mission of the Division of Early Learning (DEL) is to provide leadership and coordination to ensure that all District of Columbia children, from birth to kindergarten entrance, have access to high quality early childhood development programs and are well prepared for school.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/early-learning">http://osse.dc.gov/service/early-learning</a>	202-727-6436
OSSE - Elementary and Secondary Education	On June 23, the Department of Education approved OSSE’s application to renew the District of Columbia’s ESEA flexibility Waiver through the 2017-2018 school year. This application continues and builds upon the successful policies that were implemented since the waiver was in place. In this renewal application, OSSE is seeking to reaffirm DC’s emphasis for ensuring that students graduate college and career-ready, through the implementation of new state assessments aligned to both the CCSS, and the District’s Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In addition, OSSE is refining and improving the state system of differentiated accountability and support by clarifying what we are doing to support schools and when we implement differentiated supports.	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/service/elementary-secondary-education-act">https://osse.dc.gov/service/elementary-secondary-education-act</a>	202-727-6436
OSSE - Enrollment and Residency	District of Columbia residents are entitled to a free public education if documentation is provided that verifies their residency status. In some cases, non-residents may attend DC public schools, but they must pay tuition after meeting	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/enrollment-and-residency">http://osse.dc.gov/service/enrollment-and-residency</a>	202-727-6436

	established criteria. In addition, in order to be accepted/admitted as a non-resident, schools should not have any residents on its waiting list.		
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OSSE - LEA/School Needs Assessment: ESL/Bilingual Education Program	The purpose of the survey is to assist OSSE's efforts to better understand the needs of LEAs regarding its program and services to ELs. Results from the needs assessment survey will provide valuable information that will help OSSE design and implement targeted technical assistance and professional development sessions.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/leaschool-needs-assessment-eslbilingual-education-program">http://osse.dc.gov/service/leaschool-needs-assessment-eslbilingual-education-program</a>	202-478-9220
OSSE - Office of Dispute Resolution	The Office of Dispute Resolution within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is responsible for the conduct of special education due process hearings.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/office-dispute-resolution-odr">http://osse.dc.gov/service/office-dispute-resolution-odr</a>	202-698-3819
OSSE - Office of State Superintendent for Education	The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is the State Education Agency for the District of Columbia charged with raising the quality of education for all DC residents. OSSE serves as the District's liaison to the U.S. Department of Education and works closely with the District's traditional and public charter schools to achieve its key functions.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/">http://osse.dc.gov/</a>	202-727-6436
OSSE - OSSE Specialized Education	OSSE's Division of Specialized Education (DSE) is responsible for overseeing the development and promulgation of state policy governing special education; monitoring LEAs for compliance with IDEA as well as other federal and local regulations and court-ordered consent decrees; allocation and administration of IDEA grant funds to LEAs and other public agencies; provision of training and technical assistance to LEAs; and investigation and resolution of state complaints relating to special education.	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/page/special-education-students-disabilities">https://osse.dc.gov/page/special-education-students-disabilities</a>	202-741-0227
OSSE- College and Career Education	OSSE partners with schools, LEAs, colleges, and local nonprofits to develop and fund programs that help all students in DC access programs that will help them be ready for their next step after high school.	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/page/college-and-career-education">https://osse.dc.gov/page/college-and-career-education</a>	202-727-6436

OSSE - Transportation Division	The Office of the State Superintendent Division of Student Transportation (OSSE DOT) is a regional transportation system that transports eligible special needs students in the District to school each day, safely and on-time.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/student-transportation">http://osse.dc.gov/service/student-transportation</a>	202-576-5000
OSSE - Wellness and Nutrition Services	The mission of the Wellness and Nutrition Services Division is to work with schools and community-based organizations to promote positive healthy behaviors and to improve the quality of life for children and youth in the District of Columbia. We offer capacity building to schools and community-based organizations through the administration of the federal child nutrition programs, the distribution of federal and local funding, technical assistance and programming.	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/wellness-and-nutrition-services">http://osse.dc.gov/service/wellness-and-nutrition-services</a>	202-727-1839
Serve DC: The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism	Serve DC is dedicated to promoting service as an innovative, sustainable solution to pressing social challenges. Serve DC engages District communities by building partnerships and organizational capacity, leading local and national volunteer and service initiatives, and providing and promoting meaningful service opportunities.	<a href="http://www.serve.dc.gov/">http://www.serve.dc.gov/</a>	202-727-7925
US Attorney's Office	The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is unique among U.S. Attorney's Offices in the size and scope of its work. It serves as both the local and the federal prosecutor for the nation's capital. On the local side, these prosecutions extend from misdemeanor drug possession cases to murders. On the federal side, these prosecutions extend from child pornography to gangs to financial fraud to terrorism. In both roles, the Office is committed to being responsive and accountable to the citizens of the District of Columbia.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao-dc">http://www.justice.gov/usao-dc</a>	202-252-7566
Victim Witness Program	The Victim Witness Assistance Unit provides assistance to victims and witnesses of serious crime while they are involved with the criminal justice system. Unit Staff will also help victims understand how the criminal justice system works and assist with restitution and services.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/uspc/victim-witness-program">https://www.justice.gov/uspc/victim-witness-program</a>	202-514-7130