



Education & Community Resource Guide



Advocacy/Policy

Organization Name	Description	Contact	
Alliance 4 Educational Justice	The Alliance for Educational Justice (AEJ) is a national collective of approximately 30 intergenerational and youth organizing groups across the nation that work with local and federal policymakers to transform public education to a system that equally prepares all students – regardless of race or socioeconomic status – for college, meaningful employment, and full participation in democracy. We have approximately 1,000 high school-aged youth leaders of color in our membership.	http://www.alliance4edjustice.org/	
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.	http://bellwethereducation.org/	
Children’s Law Center	Nonprofit corporation providing free legal services to children, families and foster caregivers in the District of Columbia.	http://childrenslawcenter.org	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.	http://cityyear.org/dc	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.	http://cisionscapital.org	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.	http://casadc.org/	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.	http://dcactionforchildren.org	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	http://www.dc-aya.org/	202-587-0616



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	recommendations, providing structured advocacy opportunities for our members and allies, networking and empowering youth.		
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.	http://dcappleseed.com	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.	http://www.dcfpi.org/	202-408-1080
DC Trust	An independent non-profit organization working to increase the quality, quantity and accessibility of services for children, youth and families.	http://cyitc.org	202-347-4441
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.	http://dcyac.dc.gov	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.	www.empowerdc.org	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.	http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/	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.	https://lawyerscommittee.org/	
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	http://legalaiddc.org	(202) 628-1161



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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.	www.publiccharters.org	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 improve both the policies that govern educational institutions and the quality of learning itself.	http://newamerica.org	202-986-2700
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.	http://edjustice.org	info@edjustice.org
Safe Shores	DC Children's Advocacy Center	http://www.safeshores.org/	202-645-3200