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Community Engagement

Organization Name	Description	Contact	
21 st Century School Fund, The	The 21st Century School Fund builds public will and capacity for educationally appropriate school facilities that meet community needs.	http://21csf.org	202-745-3745
Anacostia Community Outreach Center	ACOC provides an array of education, training and workforce development, and crisis intervention opportunities to economically disenfranchised and underserved children, youth, adults, and families living in Washington DC's most economically and socially depressed communities with regards to income, unemployment, and educational attainment (Targeted: Wards 5, 7, & 8).	http://www.anacostiaoutreach.org/	202-889-5607
Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities assists individuals and families in need, especially those who are most vulnerable. We believe in helping people develop the skills and strength to move from crisis or isolation to stability and growth.	http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/	202-772-4300
Center for Child Protection and Family Support	A non-profit social service agency that provides services and programs directly to children and families and also provides professional training on various child welfare issues.	http://centerchildprotection.org	(202) 544-3144
Coalition for Community Schools, The	The Coalition for Community Schools, housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership, is an alliance of national, state and local organizations in education K-16, youth development, community planning and development, family support, health and human services, government and philanthropy as well as national, state and local community school networks. Community schools are both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources.	http://www.communityschools.org/	
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.	www.c4dcpublicschools.org/	c4dcpublicschools@gmail.com
Collaborative Solutions for Communities	Our mission is to build strong sustainable families and neighborhoods through family support services, training, advocacy, community capacity building, and economic development. Our vision is to empower urban neighborhoods to become environments where families and youth flourish.	http://wearecsc.org/	202-518-6737
Communities in Schools DC	Communities In Schools is the largest, most effective dropout prevention organization	http://cisionscapital.org	202-333-2277 or



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(Nation's Capital)	dedicated to keeping kids in school and helping them to succeed.		202-563-5788
Critical Exposure	Critical Exposure trains youth to use photography and advocacy to make real change in their schools and communities. We're creating a new generation of civic leaders who have: the tools to express themselves, the creativity to imagine new solutions to old problems, the belief that youth have the right and ability to fight for those solutions, and the skills to hold communities and public officials accountable.	http://criticalexposure.org	202-745-3745 ext. 20
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.	http://www.dc-aya.org/	202-587-0616
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 Promise Neighborhood Initiative	To support all members of the Kenilworth-Parkside community in improving the quality of their own lives and inspiring positive change in their neighborhood.	http://dcpni.org	202-288-4435
DC Students Speak	DC Students Speak is a completely student-led organization that works to break the many "bubbles" that separate DC students, through the pursuit of finding and actualizing common goals. More than just raising awareness, DC Students Speaks also strives to be an advocacy organization, with the aim of mobilizing DC students to work together towards common goals. Check out our website for more information on some of our other activities.		
East River Family Strengthening Collaborative	The mission of East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc. (ERFSC) is to empower families, youth, seniors and communities to become more self-sufficient through integrated and collaborative community based services.	http://www.erfsc.org/	202-397-7300
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.	http://ebfsc.org/	202-832-9400
Fair Chance DC	Fair Chance improves the lives of children in Washington, DC's most underserved communities by selecting promising youth-serving nonprofits and providing them with	http://fairchancedc.org	202-467-2420



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	free comprehensive expertise in organizational management for up to two years. Our partnership model – up to 500 hours per nonprofit – results in stronger organizations and significant and lasting benefits for the children they serve.		
Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative	The Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc. © is a unique private nonprofit, grass-roots organization serving children and families in the Ward 8 community. As we value the relationship of the family, it is our goal to assist, nurture, support, and sustain relationships within and around the community that positively impact the family.	http://www.fsfsc.org/	202-889-1425
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.	http://fightforchildren.org	202-772-0400
Georgetown Law -- DC Street Law Program	DC Street Law brings together law students, high school students, and community members to explore the intersection of law, public school education, and community improvement using learner-centered teaching methods.	https://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/DC-Street-Law-Program/index.cfm	(202) 662-9615 or
Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative	The Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative (GAFSC) was formed in 1998 when two organizations, Lutheran Social Services and the Urban Family Institute, reached out to residents and churches in Ward 4 and Ward 1 to respond to the needs of at-risk families and children. The Collaborative currently serves families, caretakers, children and youth living in any part of Ward 4.	http://gafsc-dc.org/	202-722-1815
Grassroots Education Project, The	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.	http://www.grassrootseducationproject.org/	202-719-0525
Mentors Inc.	A private, nonprofit organization that pairs Washington, DC public high school students with trained adult mentors.	http://mentorsinc.org	202-783-2310
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.	http://nn4youth.org	202-783-7949
New Community for Children	New Community for Children (NCFC) transforms the lives of children and youth in the District of Columbia by supporting academic achievement, developing life skills, fostering creativity and cultural awareness, nurturing spiritual connections and growth, and empowering children to succeed.	http://ncfc-dc.org	202-232-0457
Parental Readiness and	The Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program (PREP) seeks to improve K-12	http://www.parentalreadiness.org/	



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Empowerment Program, The (PREP)	student performance, retention, and access to equal educational opportunities. We serve low-income and minority children in targeted communities by increasing parental engagement in education and ensuring that parents become successful advocates for their children. Our goal is for every child to have meaningful access to a quality education.		
Playworks DC	Playworks offers training and full-time services for schools and youth development organizations throughout Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia.	http://playworks.org	202-822-0097
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.	www.raisedc.org/	202-973-2509
Reading Partners DC	Our mission is to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results.	http://readingpartners.org	202-701-9110
School Talk	SchoolTalk is a DC-based non-profit organization that brings special education dispute prevention and early dispute resolution programs to DC schools. We work with school personnel and the parents or guardians of special education students to help ensure that everyone works collaboratively toward the goal of securing Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for students with disabilities.	www.schooltalkdc.org	202-907-6887
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.	https://sites.google.com/site/shappesite/	202-722-4462 or dc.s.h.a.p.p.e@gmail.com
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League	SMYAL supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. Through youth leadership, SMYAL creates opportunities for LGBTQ youth to build self-confidence, develop critical life skills, and engage their peers and community through service and advocacy.	http://smyal.org	202-546-5940
Stand 4 Children	Stand for Children is an education advocacy organization devoted to improving public schools and closing the achievement gap.	http://stand.org	781-891-1300
Turning the Page	Turning the Page links D.C. Public Schools, families and our communities so that, together, we can ensure D.C. students receive valuable educational resources and a high-quality public education.	http://turningthepage.org	202-347-9841