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## Parent/Family Engagement

Organization Name	Description	Website	Contact Information
Advocates for Justice and Education	The mission of Advocates for Justice and Education is to educate parents, youth and community about the laws governing public education, specifically for children with special needs. We seek to empower youth and parents to be effective advocates on behalf of their children to ensure that they receive an appropriate education	<a href="http://www.aje-dc.org/">http://www.aje-dc.org/</a>	(202) 678-8060
Boys Town Washington, DC	Direct care services for children include four Family Homes in the District, and a Foster Family Services <sup>SM</sup> program that places children of all ages in safe homes in the community. The site also offers In-Home Family Services <sup>SM</sup> , and Community Support Services <sup>SM</sup> , which focus on providing Common Sense Parenting <sup>®</sup> classes that help parents expand and improve their child-rearing skills. These services and programs touch the lives of 6,200 children and families in the District of Columbia each year.	<a href="http://www.boystown.org/locations/washington-dc">http://www.boystown.org/locations/washington-dc</a>	202-832-7343
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.	<a href="http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/">http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/</a>	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.	<a href="http://centerchildprotection.org">http://centerchildprotection.org</a>	(202) 544-3144
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
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.	<a href="http://wearecsc.org/">http://wearecsc.org/</a>	202-518-6737
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
DC Department of Health - Community 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	<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>	202-442-5925



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Administration (Infants, Children, Teens and School Health)	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.		
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 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.	<a href="http://dcpni.org">http://dcpni.org</a>	202-288-4435
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 -- 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
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.	<a href="http://www.erfsc.org/">http://www.erfsc.org/</a>	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.	<a href="http://ebfsc.org/">http://ebfsc.org/</a>	202-832-9400
Family Place, The	Day center for pregnant/parenting women and their children; offers support groups	<a href="http://www.thefamilyplacedc.org">www.thefamilyplacedc.org</a>	202-265-0149
Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative	The Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc. © is a unique private non-profit, 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.	<a href="http://www.fsfsc.org/">http://www.fsfsc.org/</a>	202-889-1425



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Flamboyan Foundation	Since our beginnings in DC, Flamboyan has worked to develop the capacity of educators to partner effectively with families so that children succeed. Transformation happens when teachers reach out to establish trust, build relationships, and partner with families to support children’s academic progress	<a href="http://flamboyanfoundation.org/focus/family-engagement/">http://flamboyanfoundation.org/focus/family-engagement/</a>	202-315-2410
Foster & Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center	The Foster & Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center (FAPAC) gives critical support to the foster, kinship, and adoptive families who care for children in the District of Columbia's child welfare system. FAPAC's mission is to significantly improve the lives of children in the District of Columbia child welfare system by empowering their foster, kinship, and adoptive parents to advocate for their children's needs and ensuring the inclusion of those perspectives at every relevant table.	<a href="http://www.dcfapac.org">http://www.dcfapac.org</a>	202-269-9441
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.	<a href="http://gafsc-dc.org/">http://gafsc-dc.org/</a>	202-722-1815
Healthy Families-Thriving Communities Collaborative Council	The Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaborative Council integrates services at the neighborhood level to meet the needs of DC families.	<a href="http://dccollaboratives.org">http://dccollaboratives.org</a>	202-299-0900
Martha's Table	Martha’s table has worked to build a better future for children, their families, and many neighbors in Washington, DC by increasing access to healthy starts, healthy eating, and healthy connections. They address emergency needs with food and clothing programs, and work to assist children and families as they break the cycle of poverty through education and family support services.	<a href="http://marthastable.org/">http://marthastable.org/</a>	202-328-6608
National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education	The National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education (NAPCSE) is a national membership organization dedicated to rendering all possible support and assistance to parents whose children receive special education services, both in and outside of school. NAPCSE was founded for parents with children with special needs to promote a sense of community and provide a national forum for their ideas.	<a href="http://www.napcse.org/">http://www.napcse.org/</a>	
Next Year Project, The (TNYP)	TNYP offers opportunities for interaction between students, parents and teachers through school and community-based events focused on reading, recreation, science and technology. The goal is to increase student/teacher interaction while having fun, demonstrating school pride and learning the value of a healthy lifestyle.	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/thenextyearproject">http://www.facebook.com/thenextyearproject</a>	202.829.3571



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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>	
Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program, The (PREP)	The Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program (PREP) seeks to improve K-12 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.	<a href="http://www.parentalreadiness.org/">http://www.parentalreadiness.org/</a>	
Transitional Housing Corporation	Transitional Housing Corporation (THC) is a nonprofit that provides housing and comprehensive support services to homeless and at-risk families so that they can transform their own lives.	<a href="http://thcdc.org/">http://thcdc.org/</a>	202.291.5535
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.	<a href="http://turningthepage.org">http://turningthepage.org</a>	202-347-9841
US Department of Education -- Parent Resources	ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.	<a href="http://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=in">http://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=in</a>	1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Virginia Williams Family Resource Center - Central Resource Center for Homeless Families	The Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (VWFRC) is the central resource center for homeless families with minor and/or dependent children that are experiencing housing instability in the District. The mission of VWFRC, in collaboration with the community, is to help create lasting solutions for families experiencing housing instability through self-sufficiency planning, goal setting and goal achievement.	<a href="http://www.dccfh.org/programs/housing/virginia-williams-family-resource-center">http://www.dccfh.org/programs/housing/virginia-williams-family-resource-center</a>	202-526-0017