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Organization Name	Description	Website	Contact Information
21st Century School Fund	The 21st Century School Fund builds public will and capacity for educationally appropriate school facilities that meet community needs.	<a href="http://www.21csf.org/csf-home/">http://www.21csf.org/csf-home/</a>	(202) 745-3745
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="https://www.boystown.org/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.boystown.org/Pages/default.aspx</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>	GetHelp@CC-DC.org
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
Coalition for Community Schools	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.	<a href="http://www.communityschools.org/">http://www.communityschools.org/</a>	(202) 822-8405 (ext.156)

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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
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
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.	<a href="http://criticalexposure.org">http://criticalexposure.org</a>	(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.	<a href="http://www.dc-aya.org/">http://www.dc-aya.org/</a>	(202) 234-9404
DC Department of Health -- Community Health Administration	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="https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/community-health-administration">https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/community-health-administration</a>	(202) 442-5955

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DC Department of Human Services -- Youth and Community Services	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="https://dhs.dc.gov/service/youth-and-community-services">https://dhs.dc.gov/service/youth-and-community-services</a>	(202) 671-4200
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
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 their learning goals.	<a href="https://dcps.dc.gov/publication/parent-curriculum-guides">https://dcps.dc.gov/publication/parent-curriculum-guides</a>	(202) 442-5885
DCPS -- Parent Resources	Our purpose is 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="https://www.facebook.com/EastRiverFamily/">https://www.facebook.com/EastRiverFamily/</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="https://ebfsc.org/">https://ebfsc.org/</a>	(202) 832-9400

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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 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.	<a href="http://fairchancedc.org">http://fairchancedc.org</a>	(202) 467-2420
Family Place	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 impacts the family.	<a href="http://www.fsfsc.org/">http://www.fsfsc.org/</a>	(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.	<a href="http://fightforchildren.org">http://fightforchildren.org</a>	(202) 772-0400
Flamboyant Foundation	Since our beginnings in DC, Flamboyant 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://flamboyantfoundation.org/focus/family-engagement/">http://flamboyantfoundation.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
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.	<a href="https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/our-clinics/dc-street-law-program/">https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/our-clinics/dc-street-law-program/</a>	(202) 662-9615

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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
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
Housing Up	Housing Up 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="https://housingup.org/">https://housingup.org/</a>	(202) 291-5535
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) 263-4770
Reading Partners DC	Our mission is to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results.	<a href="https://readingpartners.org/location/washington-dc/">https://readingpartners.org/location/washington-dc/</a>	(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.	<a href="http://www.schooltalkdc.org">www.schooltalkdc.org</a>	(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.	<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

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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.	<a href="http://smyal.org">http://smyal.org</a>	(202) 546-5940
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=ln">http://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=ln</a>	1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)