



# CAM (Central American Minors) Parolee Resource Guide

## District of Columbia (Washington D.C.)

### **Important Notes:**

This resource guide was prepared for advocates who assist CAM parolees. This guide provides a general overview of the types of benefits that CAM parolees may qualify for and locates helpful resources and services within each region. It is not an exhaustive guide. Particular circumstances of a client (e.g., pregnancy, HIV/AIDs, domestic violence, etc.) may qualify them for additional benefits that are not covered in this overview.

This guide also includes references to “undocumented individuals” in case it is relevant to the CAM parolees’ other family members. To be clear, CAM parolees and their parent(s) are “documented.” CAM parolees have status under INA § 212(d)(5), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5) (discretionary parole for “urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit”) and at least one of their parents must have had status (e.g., Temporary Protective Status/TPS or Lawful Permanent Resident/LPR, etc. ) to have been eligible for the CAM program.

**Information in this resource guide is not intended as, nor should it be considered, legal advice.** Information in this guide is subject to change and should be verified with state and local agencies to ensure accuracy. That an organization, agency, or a program is listed in this resource guide does not imply an endorsement by either IRAP or IRC.

### About CAM Parolees and this Guide

CAM parolees are minors from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras who had a parent lawfully present in the United States, and who, while still in their home country, applied for the Central American Minors (CAM) program to be considered for refugee resettlement in the United States. CAM parolees were previously determined to be ineligible for refugee status and then considered and approved by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to enter the United States under parole.

Though the parole portion of the CAM program was terminated in August 2017, a 2019 court settlement in the case *S.A. v. Trump* re-opened the CAM program for about 2,700 people who had been conditionally approved for parole before the program ended. Consequently, beginning in 2019, hundreds of CAM families who were conditionally approved for parole, but had not traveled before the Trump Administration ended the program, are entering the United States.

Unlike refugees, CAM parolees do not receive resettlement assistance upon their arrival. Therefore, this guide provides a general overview of the benefits, services, and other resources for CAM parolees as they settle into their new lives in the United States.

## General Instructions for this Guide

**Federal Benefits:** CAM parolees who have been paroled in to the United States for at least one year<sup>1</sup> are included within the federal definition of “qualified aliens”.<sup>2</sup> ***However, CAM parolees are not eligible to receive federal means-tested public benefits<sup>3</sup> during the first five years of being in the United States. One important exception*** is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formerly known as ‘food stamps’), which is available to all “qualified” immigrants under the age of 18 years old.<sup>4</sup>

**State Benefits:** States have the ability to decide whether or not to extend benefits to qualified aliens during this five-year period, and some states do allow qualified aliens to be eligible for certain state public benefits. Parolees may be eligible to apply for some state benefits as “qualified aliens,” “qualified noncitizens,” “qualified immigrants,” or as individuals having “Permanent Residence Under Color of Law” (PRUCOL). Each state may use a different public benefits eligibility category and may use different terms depending on the type of the benefit as well.

**\* Note on COVID-19:** Some resources in this guide were compiled before the COVID-19 pandemic. Where possible, the guide notes any changes in services due to the pandemic. Please make sure to check the organization/agency website or contact them directly for any updates.

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<sup>1</sup> CAM parole lasts for two years. If a CAM parolee was granted less than two years of parole, please direct them to contact the IRC CAM Hotline at (917) 410-7546.

<sup>2</sup> See 7 CFR 273.4(a)(6)(i); 8 U.S.C. § 1641 (b)(4). CAM parolees are “qualified aliens” who are paroled into the United States under INA § 212(d)(5), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5).

<sup>3</sup> With certain exceptions, such federal benefits include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Federal Medicaid.

<sup>4</sup> See [SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture, September 2013.

## Helpful Tips

- Ensure that CAM parolees understand that documents proving their legal presence in the United States as well as their age and identity will be necessary to apply for public benefits. Many benefits will require applicants to have a Social Security Number (SSN).<sup>5</sup>
- Before they apply for public benefits, ensure that CAM parolees seek legal assistance from a qualified immigration attorney to determine eligibility for certain benefits and to flag possible adverse consequences to admissibility for *future* immigration applications.<sup>6</sup> You may also want to direct them to the local welfare or social services agency, which may be able to provide greater assistance in determining eligibility.

### *Encourage CAM parolees to do the following as soon as possible:*

- Seek an immigration attorney:**
  - To file a Form I-765 to apply for work authorization/Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and a Social Security Number (SSN);
  - To determine eligibility for certain public benefits and possible adverse consequences to admissibility for future immigration applications; and
  - To determine eligibility for more permanent immigration relief, such as asylum. Please note that there are deadlines for filing (e.g., asylum applications generally should be filed within one year of arrival to the United States).
- Apply for an identification card**, such as a state driver's license or state ID.

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<sup>5</sup> As noted below, CAM parolees may apply for a SSN at the same time that they apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) in their Form I-765 application. If a SSN is required to apply for certain public benefits, the benefits provider should be able to provide more information.

<sup>6</sup> Accessing public benefits as a CAM parolee will not affect their current parole status, nor be an issue if the CAM parolee adjusts to a permanent status based on asylum. However, if the CAM parolee wants to apply via family-based, employment, or another nonexempt category in the future, public charge may be evaluated as to their admissibility. Though benefits granted while in parole status may be disregarded, it is important for individuals to confer with a reputable immigration attorney to advise them before enrolling for a benefits program.

**Work Authorization:** In order to work in the United States, CAM parolees must obtain work authorization by applying for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). An immigration attorney can assist with this. To apply for an EAD, CAM parolees must file a Form I-765 and must select the category c(11), “Paroled in the Public Interest.” If the application is approved, the CAM parolee will receive an EAD valid up to the expiration date of parole. In the same application, a CAM parolee may also apply for a Social Security Number (SSN).

**Food and Cash Assistance:** Please note that the receipt of federal, state, or local food or cash benefits may have implications for *future applications* for adjustment of status and for permanent immigration status.<sup>7</sup> It is important for parolees to understand that receiving certain benefits may have *adverse consequences* on their admissibility for future immigration applications. If unsure about whether to apply for and receive cash benefits, **CAM parolees should consult a local immigration attorney, or a public benefits attorney, as soon as possible.**

**State Driver’s Licenses/Identification Documents:** The REAL ID Act of 2005 mandated requirements regarding state-issued identification documents used for federal purposes such as boarding flights at U.S. airports or accessing federal buildings and U.S. military bases. It also stipulated which categories of non-citizens would be eligible for documents issued under the new requirements and mandated verification of qualified immigrant status. According to the law, parolees are not among the categories of non-immigrants who qualify for REAL ID compliant documents. Most states have come into compliance with REAL ID requirements.<sup>8</sup> **However, some states have opted to issue alternative driver’s licenses to those who do not qualify under REAL ID requirements.** This has resulted in different eligibility criteria and documentary requirements for parolees seeking ID/driver’s licenses depending on their state of residence. This guide attempts to provide the best available information for each of the states covered, but information is subject to change and should be verified by the respective state agencies issuing ID/driver’s licenses.

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<sup>7</sup> For more information on which public benefits may result in admissibility on public charge grounds. See [Public Charge Fact Sheet](#), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, February 27, 2020.

<sup>8</sup> As of this writing, all states, except for Oregon and Oklahoma, have come into compliance with REAL ID requirements. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government extended the deadline for compliance until October 1, 2021. See <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>.

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# District of Columbia (Washington D.C.)

## City Benefits

<b>Food Assistance</b>	Emergency Food Assistance Program
<b>Temporary Cash Assistance</b>	District of Columbia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
<b>Medical Assistance</b>	Immigrant Children's Program D.C. State Medicaid
<b>Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance</b>	Eligible D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) FAFSA
<b>Driver's License/State ID</b>	Eligible

## Food Assistance

**For urgent food assistance, contact or visit a food bank in the county.<sup>9</sup>**

See <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>.

### **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**

*assists with supplementing the diets of low-income Americans, including the elderly, by providing them with emergency nutrition assistance at no cost.*

**Eligibility:** Must be a resident of the District of Columbia and meet household income guidelines found [here](#). There are no restrictions on how often a household can receive TEFAP foods. Households must reapply for benefits each year once the income eligibility guidelines are published.

**How to Apply:** To find a TEFAP food pantry near you, visit the [Capital Area Food Bank Get Help Page](#) to search by zip code or call (202) 644-9807.

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<sup>9</sup> Food pantries are not considered to be a public benefit that would result in inadmissibility on public charge grounds. See <https://www.uscis.gov/news/public-charge-fact-sheet>.

## Temporary Cash Assistance

### **District of Columbia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**

*Provides over 14 programs and services, including monthly cash assistance, job training, job readiness, child care, tuition assistance, case management, and other supportive services.*

Eligibility: Provides a monthly cash benefit to low-income families while they are searching for a job, enrolled in educational programs, caring for a child with a disability, or receiving other TANF services.

Income eligibility limits for TANF Income Assistance:

- (a) family size of 1, income cannot exceed \$430;
- (b) family size of 2, income cannot exceed \$496;
- (c) family of 3, income cannot exceed \$588;
- (d) family of 4, income cannot exceed \$683;
- (e) family of 5, income cannot exceed \$762; and
- (f) family of 6, income cannot exceed \$868.

How to Apply: Apply for benefits online [here](#).

For more information on the District of Columbia TANF program, please visit: [TANF Information](#) or [Service Centers](#)

## Medical Assistance

### **Arlington Free Clinic**

*Provides free, high-quality healthcare to low-income, uninsured Arlington County adults through the generosity of donors and volunteers.*

921 11th Street South, Arlington, VA 22204

(On the ground floor of the Avalon Columbia Pike Building at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Walter Reed)

(703) 979-1400.

<https://www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org>

### **Immigrant Children's Program**

*Designed to provide health coverage to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) who are not eligible for Medicaid. Services covered are identical to those covered under*

Medicaid for children under the age of 21 years old, including doctor's visits, preventative care, eye care, dental services, and prescription drugs. No fee for services and automatic assignment to a managed health care plan.

Eligibility: (1) under the age of 21 years old;  
(2) are a District resident; and  
(3) are not eligible for Medicaid; and (4) have income at or below 200% of the FPL.

How to Apply: To apply, either go to the office in person or contact them by phone or email:

441 4th Street, NW, 900S, Washington, DC 20001  
*Office Hours:* Monday to Friday, 8:15 am to 4:45 pm

Phone: (202) 442-5988  
Fax: (202) 442-4790  
TTY: 711  
[dhcf@dc.gov](mailto:dhcf@dc.gov)

### **D.C. Healthcare Alliance**

*Offers a full range of health care services for its members, including inpatient hospital care, outpatient medical care (including preventive care), emergency services, urgent care services, prescription drugs, rehabilitative services, home health care, dental services, specialty care, and wellness programs that include mother and baby care.*

<https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/home>

Eligibility:

- Live in the District of Columbia.
- Have no health insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid.
- Make less money (before taxes) than a certain limit.

How to Apply: Fill out an application at any of the places listed below. Once enrolled in the Alliance, you must fill out a form every 12 months to prove that you are still eligible to receive benefits.

<b>DC Healthcare Alliance Enrollment Locations</b>	
<b>DC General</b> 1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003	<b>Southwest Community Clinic</b> 850 Delaware Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20024

<b>Hunt Place Clinic</b> 4130 Hunt Place, NE Washington, DC 20019	<b>Greater Southeast Hospital</b> 1310 Southern Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20032
<b>Woodridge Clinic</b> 2146 24th Place, NE Washington, DC 20018	<b>Congress Heights Clinic</b> 3720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20032
<b>Anacostia Clinic</b> 1328 W Street, SE Washington, DC 20020	<b>Walker-Jones Clinic</b> 1100 First Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

## D.C. Medicaid

Healthcare program that pays for medical services for qualified people. It helps pay for medical services for low-income and disabled people.

<https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/home>

**Eligibility:** Noncitizen children under 19 years old and pregnant women and are able to provide proof of lawful residence.

**How to Apply:** You may apply for Medicaid for low-income families and children under 19 and pregnant women at your local ESA Service Center You may call (202)727-5355 to locate your nearest ESA Service Center. You may apply for benefits at the ESA Service Centers listed below.

ESA Service Centers		
Anacostia	202-645-4614	2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE
Congress Heights	202-645-4546	4049 South Capitol Street, SW.
Fort Davis	202-645-4500	3851 Alabama Avenue, SE
H Street	202-698-4350	645 H Street, NE
Taylor Street	202-576-8000	1207 Taylor Street, NE

## Primary/Secondary School Enrollment (children ages 6-17 years old)

All D.C. Public School students have a guaranteed right to enroll in their in-boundary school. If you have any questions about the enrollment process or need assistance, e-mail [enroll@k12.dc.gov](mailto:enroll@k12.dc.gov).

To enroll your child in primary or secondary school, you will need to:

1. Locate your boundary school
  - a. Click on the following link, and in-put your home address in the search bar at the bottom of the page to find your in-boundary school:  
<https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/41>
2. Complete the Enrollment Packet
  - a. Click on the following link, and select "Download the full enrollment packet" <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/76>
  - b. Then, select "Download the Full SY19-20 DCPS Enrollment Packet"
  - c. Fill out this form in its entirety.
3. Gather your supporting documents
  - a. Any new child to the D.C. Public School system must bring the following documents along with their filled-out enrollment packet to their in-boundary school:
    - i. Proof of Age
      1. Ex: birth certificate, hospital records, previous school records, passport, or baptismal certificate
    - ii. Proof of Residency
      1. There are multiple ways in which to verify your DC residency. Look at the Residency Verification Form in order to find what best works for you. You may find the form here:  
[https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/sites/dcpsenrollment/files/page\\_content/attachments/OSSE\\_2019-20\\_School\\_Year\\_DC\\_Residency\\_Verification\\_Form\\_English.pdf](https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/sites/dcpsenrollment/files/page_content/attachments/OSSE_2019-20_School_Year_DC_Residency_Verification_Form_English.pdf)
4. Bring your completed enrollment packet and your supporting documents to your in-boundary school.
  - a. Your enrollment packet should be brought to your student's school typically during business hours.

## Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance

### **D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG)**

*Assists D.C. residents with out-of-state tuition by paying the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition up to \$10,000 a year for 6 years, with a lifetime maximum of \$50,000. Undergraduate students who choose to attend private colleges and universities in the D.C. metropolitan area are eligible to receive a grant for up to \$2,500 a year, with a lifetime maximum of \$12,500. The maximum annual award for two year community colleges is \$2,500, with a lifetime maximum of \$10,000. All awards are processed on a first-come, first served basis and paid directly to the eligible institution.*

Eligibility: Eligibility criteria includes:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal U.S. residency (I-94 showing status as parolee)
- A minimum of 12-month D.C. residency prior to the initial application.
- Good academic standing as defined by the postsecondary institution.
- No current default status with any federal student loans.
- Enrollment in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree seeking program.
- No older than 25 years of age at the time of application.

How to Apply: <https://osse.dc.gov/dctag>

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

*FAFSA is an application completed by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine eligibility for student financial aid.*

Eligibility:

CAM parolees with an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) showing "Parolee" for a minimum of one year may apply.

How to Apply: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

- In the upper-right hand corner, click "Create Account."
  - Important Notes:
    - Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must create their own accounts.
    - A user can only have one account associated with their Social Security number.
- Follow the prompts to create an account and fill out the application.

For any questions about the application process, call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-2343) or e-mail at the following link: [StudentAidHelp.ed.gov/app/Ask](https://StudentAidHelp.ed.gov/app/Ask). Hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8:00am to 11:00pm EST and Saturday to Sunday 11:00a to 5:00p EST.

## State ID/Driver's License

### D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

#### Limited Purpose Driver's License

*Allows District residents who cannot provide a Social Security number to drive legally. License may not be used for federal identification purposes and valid for up to 8 years.*

Eligibility: Must never have been issued a Social Security number; not eligible for a Social Security number, or previously issued a Social Security number but now unable to establish legal presence in the U.S.

How to Apply: One-time validation of source documents and a driver knowledge and road skills test.  
<https://dmv.dc.gov/service/limited-purpose-driver-license>

#### REAL ID Driver's License

Eligibility: Non-US citizens may apply for a driver's license if they hold a non-US driver's license, meet the requirements of REAL ID proof of identity, social security, current DC residency, and legal presence. Driver's license expires at the end of approved duration of stay.

If you have a valid out-of-country driver's license, you still have to take and pass the DC DMV driver knowledge test, but do not have to take the road skills test. To prove ability to drive, see [here](#).

How to Apply: <https://dmv.dc.gov/node/1119126>

Use DC DMV's online [Document Verification Guide](#) to determine what documents you need to provide to DC DMV to obtain a driver license. And follow process outlined at the [Obtain a REAL ID Driver's License](#) page.

## Local Resources in Washington D.C.

### D.C. Proper

#### General Social Services

##### **Catholic Charities DC**

*Offers legal and financial services, food assistance, employment and adult education, housing and shelter programs, developmental disabilities help, resources for new and expecting parents, health care programs, and resources for immigrants and refugees.*

The Southeast Family Center

2812 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC, 20020

(202) 338-3100

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/>

##### **Department of Health and Human Services**

*Offers a huge variety of clinics and centers, such as social services, emergency rental assistance, GED preparation for Latin American youth, internal medicine, nutritional services, pregnancy counseling and services, family planning, and many more. See below link for list of available clinics and centers.*

64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20002

(202) 671-4200

<https://dhs.dc.gov/service/area-clinics-and-centers>

##### **Greater Washington Urban League**

*Offers emergency rental and utility assistance, employment and internship resources, educational scholarships, and health and wellness resources.*

2901 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 265-8200

<https://www.gwul.org/programs>

### **Salvation Army**

*Addiction Treatment, Disaster Services, Emergency Assistance, Homeless Outreach, Pathway of Hope, Supportive Independent Living, Washington Area Fuel Fund, and Youth Services.*

For residents of Wards 1-6: 1434 Harvard Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 332-5000

For residents of Wards 7 & 8: 2300 Martin Luther King Jr Ave., SE,  
Washington, DC 20032  
(202) 678-9770

<http://salvationarmynca.org/emergency-assistance/>

## **English Language Programs**

### **All Souls Church Unitarian**

*\$30 for new students; \$20 for returning students.*

1500 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 417-6404

[www.all-souls.org/esl](http://www.all-souls.org/esl)

### **Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School**

*Offers tuition-free classes including language and skills classes (English as a Second Language, GED in English and Spanish, Computer Literacy), and career training courses in health, IT, culinary arts, and education.*

1100 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 797-4700

[www.carlosrosario.org/courses/class-listings/esl/](http://www.carlosrosario.org/courses/class-listings/esl/)

### **Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church**

*Free English classes.*

One Chevy Chase Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20015  
(202) 363-2202

<https://www.chevychasepc.org/esl>

### **Community of Christ**

*Free English classes.*

3526 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007  
(202) 333-6052

[www.cofchristdc.org/english-classes/](http://www.cofchristdc.org/english-classes/)

### **Foundry ESL**

*Free English classes.*

1500 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

(202) 332-4010

[www.foundryesl.org](http://www.foundryesl.org)

### **The Global Language Network**

*\$80 non-refundable registration fee; \$115 refundable deposit and \$5 PayPal fee.*

1720 I St NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC, 20006

(202) 684-6627

[www.thegln.org](http://www.thegln.org)

### **Lado International Institute**

*\$280-\$765 (depending on schedule of classes).*

401 9th St, NW Suite C100, Washington, DC 20004

(202) 810-0077

[lado.edu/English](http://lado.edu/English)

### **Mary's Center**

*Free English classes for DC parents. DC parents of children ages 0-14 can take advantage of free English classes through Mary's Center trusted partner, Briya Public Charter School. All levels are welcome.*

2333 Ontario Road NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 232-7777

<https://www.maryscenter.org/education/english-classes/>

### **Teaching House**

*Free English classes.*

1413 K St NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

(212) 732-0277

<https://www.meetup.com/Free-English-Classes-in-Washington-DC/>

### **Washington English Center**

*\$130 for 12-week course.*

2200 California Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 387-2222

[www.washingtonenglish.org](http://www.washingtonenglish.org)

## Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

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*Offers tuition-free classes including language and skills classes (English as a Second Language, GED in English and Spanish, Computer Literacy), and career training courses in health, IT, culinary arts, and education. Support services such as placement, leadership training, and more are available.*

1100 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 797-4700

[www.carlosrosario.org/courses/class-listings/esl/](http://www.carlosrosario.org/courses/class-listings/esl/)

### **Department of Employment Services - American Job Center**

*Offers access to a variety of employment-related resources such as career counseling, resume assistance, and job placement and training programs.*

4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019

(202) 724-7000

<https://does.dc.gov/service/american-job-center>

### **Department of Transportation - On-the-job Training Program**

*Provides job training opportunities for people interested in the highway construction industry. Apply online or in person.*

Business Opportunity and Workforce Development Center

55 M Street, SE Washington, DC 20003.

<https://ddot.dc.gov/page/job-training-program>

### **DC Works**

*Directory of job openings, educational materials, and unemployment services.*

5171 South Dakota Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017

(202) 576-3092

<https://www.dcnetworks.org/vosnet/Default.aspx>

### **So Others Might Eat (SOME)**

*Workforce training program for adults that offers skills training, career development, and certification in Healthcare and Building trades.*

71 O Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

(202) 797-8806

<https://www.some.org/services/job-training>

### **Thrive DC**

*Offers employment workshops, resume, cover letter, and interview skills training, and financial planning assistance.*

1525 Newton Street, NW Suite G1, Washington, DC 20010

(202) 737-9311

<https://www.thrivedc.org/programs/employment/>

### **University of the District of Columbia – Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning**

*Provides D.C. residents with job skills training in construction and property management, early childhood education, healthcare direct care and administration, hospitality and tourism, and information technology.*

Bertie Backus Campus: 5171 South Dakota Avenue NE

Washington, DC 20017

(202) 274-7209

Congress Heights Campus: 3100 Martin Luther King Jr SE

Washington, DC 20032

(202) 274-6525

Main number: (202) 274-7181

<https://www.udc.edu/cc/workforce-development/>

## **Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services**

### **DC Public Schools**

*Offers enrollment information and assistance for DC area public schools.*

1200 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

(202) 478-5738

<https://dcps.dc.gov/page/boundary-school-enrollment>

### **My School DC**

*Multilingual assistance enrolling in DC public schools.*

(202) 888-6336

<https://www.myschooldc.org/>

## Mental Health Services

### **Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School**

*Support services such as mental health counseling available.*

1100 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 797-4700

[www.carlosrosario.org/courses/class-listings/esl/](http://www.carlosrosario.org/courses/class-listings/esl/)

### **Identity, Inc.**

*Has mental health therapists at its centers available to serve uninsured or underinsured clients. Individual, couples, and family counseling are all offered in Spanish or English. Internship opportunities for bilingual bachelor's- and master's-level students interested in serving the Latino community are available.*

414 East Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

(301) 963-5900

<https://identity-youth.org/what-we-do/wraparound-services/>

### **La Clínica del Pueblo**

*Provides bilingual, culturally competent group, individual, and couples therapy, using a trauma-informed approach and specializing in family trauma, depression, PTSD, and dual diagnoses. Telemental health and substance use treatment programs also available.*

2831 15th NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 462-4788

<https://www.lcdp.org/programs-and-strategies/mental-health-substance-use>

### **Latin American Youth Center**

*Provides mental health rehabilitation, community based intervention services, and outpatient mental health treatment to youth ages 12 to 21. Psychiatric evaluations, medication management, and referrals are available.*

Kaplan Building, 1419 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, DC.

(202) 319-2229

<https://www.layc-dc.org/>

## Immigration Legal Services

### **American University, Washington College of Law - Immigrant Justice Clinic**

*Law student attorneys provide representation on a broad range of cases and projects involving individual immigrants and migrants, and their communities, both in the D.C. metropolitan area and overseas, and represent them before the Immigration Court, federal district court, and federal and state agencies.*

4300 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

(202) 274-4147

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/immigrant.cfm>

### **Ayuda (Washington DC Office)**

*Provides legal, social, and language services to help low-income immigrants throughout Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia.*

6925B Willow St. NW, Washington, DC 20012

(202) 387-4848

<http://www.ayuda.com>

### **Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition**

*Provides direct legal representation, know your rights presentations, impact litigation and advocacy for immigrant adults and children at risk of detention and deportation.*

1612 K St. N.W., Suite 204, Washington, DC 20006

(202) 331-3320

<http://www.caircoalition.org>

### **Catholic Charities of Washington, D.C.**

*Provides direct legal immigration services to foreign-born individuals and their families and offers case management and employment support services to recent refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking residing in DC.*

Columbia Heights Office: 1618 Monroe Street NW, Washington, DC 20010

(202) 939-2420

Downtown Office: 924 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

(202) 772-4352

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/gethelp/our-services/immigrantsandrefugees/>

**Central American Resource Center (Washington D.C. Office)**

*Seeks to facilitate Latino immigrants' transition to the United States, reunite families, secure work authorization and economic security, and seek legal relief and justice for victims of crimes and abuse.*

1460 Columbia Rd N.W., Suite C-1, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 328-9799

<http://www.carecendc.org>

**Human Rights First (Washington, D.C. Office)**

*Provides pro bono legal representation for asylum seekers.*

805 15th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 547-5692

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/our-work/refugee-protection/probono-program>

**Just Neighbors**

*Provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia.*

7630 Little River Turnpike Suite #900, Annandale, VA 22003

(703) 979-1240

<https://www.justneighbors.org>

**Kids in Need of Defense - Headquarters (Washington DC Office)**

*Provides attorneys to represent immigrant children at no cost.*

1201 L Street NW, Fl. 2, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 824-8680

<https://supportkind.org/what-we-do/legal-services/>

**U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (Washington DC Office)**

*Offers low-cost legal representation to low-income refugees and immigrants and their families with family- and humanitarian-based immigration matters, including asylum and work authorization.*

1719 13th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20009

(703) 310-1130

<https://refugees.org/legal-services/>

**Whitman-Walker Health - Legal Services Program**

*Provides legal assistance and referrals to Whitman-Walker patients, people living with HIV, and members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer communities.*

1377 R Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 939-7627

<https://www.whitman-walker.org/care-program/legal-services-immigration>

## Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

**The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.**

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details on each organization.

- American University, Washington College of Law - Immigrant Justice Clinic
- Ayuda
- Catholic Charities
- Central American Resource Center
- Just Neighbors
- US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
- Whitman-Walker Health

## General Legal Aid Services

### Metropolitan Community Development Corporation

*Aims to improve the quality of life for low-income individuals and families through systematic and sustainable community development efforts by providing affordable housing solutions.*

402 N Market Street, Washington, DC 27889

(252) 946-1668

<https://www.metropolitancommunity.net/affordable-housing>

## Local Community Groups

**For more information, see**

<https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/30766/411986-community-based-organizations-and-immigrant-integration-in-the-washington-d-c-metropolitan-area.pdf>

### Barbara Chambers Children's Center

*Offers educational programs for young children (ages 2 months to 12 years) and their families at three locations in Washington, DC. Enrichment and homework assistance is available for children ages 6-12 who attend area public schools.*

Center #1: 1470 Irving St. NW, Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 387-6755

Center #2: 1734 7th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 518-0456

Center #3: 3400 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 518-0466

<https://barbarachambers.org>

**Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School**

*Offers tuition-free classes including language and skills classes and career training courses in health, IT, culinary arts, and education. Support services such as mental health counseling, job placement, leadership training, and more are available.*

1100 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 797-4700

<https://www.carlosrosario.org/courses/>

**CASA for Children of DC**

*Offers a Preparing Youth for Adulthood (PYA) Program for youth transitioning from foster care into adulthood and the EMPOWER program for survivors of human trafficking or sex crimes. The PYA program focuses on skill building and self-sufficiency, while the EMPOWER program focuses on overcoming trauma and essential support.*

220 I St., NE, Ste. 285, Washington, DC 20002

(202) 887-0007

<https://www.casadc.org/programs>

**Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber**

*Membership required. Offers networking opportunities and various services including technical assistance, business ownership development, access to markets, and workforce development.*

910 17th St. NW, Ste 1150, Washington DC, 20006

(202) 728-0352

<http://www.gwhcc.org>

**Hermano Pedro Day Shelter**

*Provides overnight shelter for homeless women in Washington DC. The shelter is also a hypothermia shelter and multi-cultural day shelter for homeless and low-income men and women. Food, clothing, laundry services, bilingual social services, and group therapy available.*

Sacred Heart Parish, 3211 Pine Street NW, Washington, DC 20010

(202) 332-2874

Hypothermia Hotline: 1-800-535-7252

[https://washington.dc.networkofcare.org/mh/services/agency.aspx?pid=CatholicCharitiesHermanoPedroDayShelter\\_2\\_1347\\_1](https://washington.dc.networkofcare.org/mh/services/agency.aspx?pid=CatholicCharitiesHermanoPedroDayShelter_2_1347_1)

### **Identity**

*Offers academic support, workforce development services, social and emotional learning resources, and parent engagement opportunities for Latino youth and their families. Mental health resources are also available.*

414 East Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

(301) 963-5900

<https://identity-youth.org>

### **Just Neighbors**

*Offers legal services for refugees and immigrants, including removal defense, services for DACA and TPS holders, help for crime victims, and adjustment of status services for refugees and asylees.*

7630 Little River Turnpike Suite #900, Annadale, VA 22003

(703) 979-1240

<https://www.justneighbors.org>

### **Mary's Center**

*Offers a senior wellness center, programs for teens, support for victims of domestic violence, English classes, job training, and medical, dental, and behavioral health services.*

2333 Ontario Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 483-8196

<https://www.maryscenter.org/contact-and-locations/contact/>

### **La Clínica del Pueblo**

*Addresses the distinct health needs of the immigrant community through comprehensive primary medical care with wrap-around services including mental health and substance use treatment, medical interpretation and language access advocacy, and community health education for Latino immigrants. Multiple locations.*

2381 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 462-4788

<https://www.lcdp.org/>

### **Latin American Youth Center**

*Offers job readiness programs for low-income youth, safe housing programs, transitional living resources, and a Drop-In Center equipped with shower, laundry, and kitchen facilities, computers for youth use, private meeting rooms, day lockers, and resting rooms.*

1419 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 319-2225

<https://www.layc-dc.org/what-we-do/>

**Latino Economic Development Corp (LEDC)**

*Offers housing sustainability services and financial skills training to Latinos and other underserved communities. Programs offered include trainings on how to build long-term financial security, know your rights information for tenants, and more.*

1401 Columbia Road NW, Unit C-1, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 588-5102

<https://www.ledcmetro.org>

**Latino Student Fund**

*Offers tutoring, workshops, after school college preparatory programs, college visits, and mentoring for college and financial aid applications.*

555 12th St. NW Suite 620, Washington, DC 20004

(202) 244-3438

<https://latinostudentfund.org>

**Liberty's Promise**

*Offers free after-school civic engagement program for immigrant youth, an English skills development program for Spanish speakers, and an internship placement and skills development program for low income immigrant youth.*

2900A Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria, VA 22305

(703) 549-9950

<https://www.libertypromise.org>

**Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area**

*Offers aid to resettled refugees, employment services, resources for immigrants, wellness education, summer camps for youth, and more.*

4406 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20011

(202) 723-3000

<https://lssnca.org>

**Saint Stephen's and the Incarnation Episcopal Church**

*Loaves and Fishes, a hot meal program, provides hot meals at noon on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, as well as on federal holidays, Christmas, and Thanksgiving – days when other soup kitchens are closed.*

1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010

(202) 232-0900

<http://loavesandfishesdc.org/contact-us/>

### **Spanish Catholic Center**

*Offers medical and dental clinics, job training programs, English classes, a food pantry and case management services in four locations. Staff at the Center speak more than eight different languages and have experience working with individuals from more than 72 different cultural contexts.*

Washington, DC: 1618 Monroe Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 939-2400

Gaithersburg, MD: 201 E. Diamond Ave, 3rd Fl., Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
(301) 740-252

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/scc/>

### **Vecinos Unidos**

*Provides a year-round program consisting of homework and academic assistance during the school year. Focused on students from homes where English is not spoken and economic and for whom cultural factors increase the risk of academic failure.*

1086 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170  
(703) 201-2809

<http://vecinosunidos.org/contact-us-2/>