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# DC HOMICIDE RESOURCE

Information for  
Families,  
Community Organizations  
and Professionals

# GUIDE

2008

DC Homicide  
COALITION



Providing leadership  
and resources  
for secondary victims  
of homicide

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## **Things to do to Take Care of Yourself**

*Realize that grieving your loved one is a very emotional and exhausting process, but it is part of your healing.*

You will get through it.

- Be realistic – accept your limitations and give yourself time to grieve
- Practice healthy living – drink water, exercise, eat healthily, and get plenty of sleep
- Develop a network of people – in addition to family members – who can be supportive of you
- Keep a journal about your feelings
- Accept comfort and help from others and talk to someone you trust about your feelings
- Postpone major decisions
- Avoid abusing alcohol or medication
- Become involved in your local place of worship. Speak with your faith or spiritual leader about your grief and stress
- Seek out the support of a therapist as a gift to yourself
- BREATHE! Take a breather – literally: 15 minutes each day

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# The District of Columbia Homicide Coalition

## District of Columbia Homicide Coalition

The D.C. Homicide Coalition is a group of non-profit agencies and community groups that provide leadership and resources to secondary victims of homicide. These organizations have partnered with government agencies to identify gaps in the services available to individuals, families, and communities who have experienced the loss of a loved one to a homicide in the District of Columbia; facilitate the access to and increase use of such services; and share and publicize information and available resources to affected communities and individuals. The [DC Homicide Resource Guide](#) is part of the Coalition's efforts to facilitate the use of available services.

### DC Homicide Coalition Partners

Ascensions Psychological and Community Service  
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence  
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence  
Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative  
East of the River Clergy Police Community Partnership Violence Intervention Program  
East River Far Southeast Collaborative  
Kendra Smith Life Line Movement  
KSA Youth Foundation  
M.O.M.S., Inc.  
National Center for Victims of Crime  
No Murders, D.C.  
North Capitol Collaborative  
Parent Watch  
Peaceoholics  
Ridge Road Parent Association  
ROOT, Inc.  
Survivors of Homicide, Inc.  
The National Center for Victims of Crime  
Wendt Center for Loss & Healing

### In Collaboration with

Crime Victims Compensation Program  
DC Office of the Attorney General  
Metropolitan Police Department  
    Family Liaison Specialists Unit  
    Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU)  
    Major Case Victims Unit  
    Victim Specialists Unit  
    Violent Crime Case Review Project  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
U.S. Attorney's Office

## **District of Columbia Crime Victim's Bill of Rights**

A crime victim has the following rights:

1. The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy
2. The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender
3. The right to be notified of court proceedings
4. The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense unless the court determines that testimony by the victim would be materially affected if the victim heard other testimony at trial
5. The right to confer with attorney for the Government in the case
6. The right to restitution
7. The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender

## **Federal Crime Victim's Bill of Rights**

A crime victim has the following rights:

- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.
- The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused.
- The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding.
- The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding.
- The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case.
- The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law.
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

# Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP)

## Superior Court of the District of Columbia

D.C. Court Building A  
515 5th Street, N.W., Room 104  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Phone: (202) 879 - 4216  
Fax: (202) 879 - 4230  
Website: [www.dccourts.gov](http://www.dccourts.gov)

The CVCP assists victims and their families with the financial burden brought about by the tragic occurrence and aftermath of violent crime. The CVCP provides reimbursement or direct payment to providers for services necessary as a result of crime for secondary victims (a close family or household member) that are not covered by sources such as private insurance, medical aid programs, or other benefit programs. A maximum of \$25,000 per claim can be paid for:

- Medical treatment and medications
- Mental Health Counseling (up to \$6,000 for children and \$3,000 for adults)
- Funeral and Burial Costs (up to \$6,000)
- Loss of Wages (80% of net income up to one year or \$10,000 for lost wages)
- Cleaning up of a crime scene (up to \$1,000)
- Replacement value of clothing held as evidence (up to \$100)
- Reimbursement for car rental while vehicle is being held (up to \$2,000)
- Temporary Emergency Shelter (up to \$3,000) where necessary
- Temporary Moving Expenses (up to \$1,500) where necessary

A victim is a person who suffered personal injury or death in the District of Columbia, or is a resident who was injured as a result of terrorism outside of the United States.

A secondary victim is a close family or household member of the victim.

Police reports must have been filed within 7 days of the crime.

Law enforcement agencies were reasonably provided with information and all necessary cooperation was given.

Claimant can not have participated in, consented to, or provoked the crime that is the basis of the claim.

An application must be filed with the Compensation Program within one year of the crime, or one year of learning of the program.

## Common Reactions Following the Homicide of a Loved One

Feelings and behavioral reactions come and go throughout the grieving process.

- Intrusive thoughts about the murder
- Dreaming about death, nightmares about the person and death details
- Having headaches/stomach aches
- Avoiding any reminders of the death
- Having trouble sleeping/scared to go sleep/wanting to sleep a lot
- Feeling guilty: “I could have prevented this;” “It was my fault”
- Feeling numb
- Feeling angry, irritable, or confused – quick to get into a fight
- Suicidal thoughts and feelings
- Difficulty concentrating on work/school
- Hypervigilance, easily startled
- Feeling helpless and/or powerless
- Wanting to be with the person who was killed

## General Service Providers

### **Ascensions Psychological and Community Services**

1526 Howard Rd. SE • Washington, DC 20020

202-889-4344

[acs@2ascend.org](mailto:acs@2ascend.org)

Website: [www.2ascend.org](http://www.2ascend.org)

Ascensions Community Services, Inc. serves the Washington, DC community through quality therapeutic services and social initiatives. Ascensions practices a “therapy without walls” and provides a variety of services not just to children and adults suffering from serious emotional, behavioral and/or mental disorders, but to their entire family unit. They offer services free of charge to all individuals in need and deliver services in a variety of settings, including an Anacostia-based office, local public schools, workplaces, churches and other community agencies.

### **Catholic Charities Headquarters**

James Cardinal Hickey Center

924 G Street, NW • Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 772-4300

(202) 772-4408

Website: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

Clients receive services at 88 locations throughout the District of Columbia and five Maryland counties.

Services include:

#### Crisis assistance

Help with food, mortgage/rent and utilities; referrals to additional community resources, health and dental care.

#### Housing/shelters

Day, overnight and emergency shelters for women, men and children; transitional shelters for formerly homeless residents ready to live in the community; referrals for specialized treatment programs for substance abusers, people with mental illness, those with serious health conditions like HIV and hepatitis, victims of domestic violence, and adults with developmental disabilities; child care assistance programs.

#### Health and dental care

Primary care and specialized services for low-income, uninsured adults and children; community outreach and education about health care access.

#### Child care and after school care

After school care for elementary school children; child care for infants six weeks through age 4.

#### Family strengthening programs

Counseling and parent education for families experiencing child abuse or neglect.

#### Foster care support and transition assistance

Assessment, foster care placement and support for abused and/or neglected children; life skills training and support to help young adults in foster care make a smooth transition from the system at age 21.

#### Mental health and substance abuse treatment programs

Referrals for substance abuse treatment and support for low-income men and women, including those with developmental disabilities; employment assistance and job transition support; clinical support for mental illness.

## General Service Providers

### **Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative**

1816 12th St., N.W.  
Suite 201 • Washington, DC 20009  
Ward 1  
Phone: (202) 518 - 6737  
Fax: (202) 518 - 6737  
Website: [www.hftcc.org](http://www.hftcc.org)

The Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. It is a nonprofit organization of more than 40 community service agencies, resident groups and neighborhood leaders. They serve families with children that live in the Columbia Heights and Shaw areas. They also work with Latino families who live in areas where Spanish speaking providers are not available. Services include:

- Truancy Court Diversion Program
- Housing for families through Emergency Funds
- Crisis Intervention
- Case Management and emergency assistance
- Referrals received from: Child and Family Services Agencies or the Mayor's office

### **Compassionate Friends**

Contact Information for District of Columbia Chapter  
Barbara Phillips brbphilli1@aol.com  
Phone: (202) 526-4855  
Website: [www.tcfdcmetro.com](http://www.tcfdcmetro.com)

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is a national, nonprofit, self-help support organization which offers friendship and understanding to families who are grieving the death of a child of any age, from any cause. The purpose of TCF is to assist families in the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child and to provide information to help others to be supportive. The District of Columbia Chapter of The Compassionate Friends meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at Blackburn Center (reading lounge) Washington, DC. 20059

## General Service Providers

### **East River Family Strength Collaborative**

3732 Minnesota Avenue, N.E. • Washington, DC 20019

WARD: 7

PHONE: (202) 397 - 7300

FAX: (202) 397 - 7882

Website: [www.hftcc.org](http://www.hftcc.org)

East River is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. It includes a broad array of community organizations, governmental entities, service providers and residents, all of whom bring their expertise and commitment to this effort. East River has formalized agreements with a number of service providers in Ward 7 and throughout the city. They represent private landlords, public housing, mental health, health, cultural arts, social services and various other organizations and associations for which the central goal is the improved and sustained well being of children and families. Services include:

Community Services Division identifies services needed for families, develops resources for families and creates partnerships to achieve those services.

The Family Services Division administers direct support to families through information and referral and case management services. The objectives of these services are to keep families together and reduce out-of-home placements; to reduce the incidence of substantiated child abuse and neglect; and to maximize the strengths of the families to live independently in the community.

The Youth Services Division offers programs and services to strengthen families by supporting youth growth and development.

### **Edgewood/Brookland Family Strengthening Collaborative**

1345 Saratoga Ave., NE Suite #2 • Washington, DC 20018

Phone: (202) 832 - 9400

Fax: (202) 832 - 9401

Website: [www.hftcc.org](http://www.hftcc.org)

Edgewood/Brookland Family Strengthening Collaborative is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. It provides the following services:

THE FAMILY PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM is made up of neighborhood-based services and supports designed to preserve and reunite families by reducing or eliminating the possibility of children being removed from their families or community. The Family Preservation and Support Program includes the following services:

FAMILY STABILIZATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES are designed to strengthen, preserve and support families

HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES assist homeless families in identifying permanent housing and reduce the risk factors for families to become homeless

EMERGENCY FOOD BANK to address immediate crisis

## General Service Providers

FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING prevents children from entering foster care by engaging families and the community in making proactive decisions related to the safety and well-being of their children

YOUTH SERVICES AND GROUPS are designed to address the academic, social and educational development of youth

AFTERCARE SERVICES assist young adults who have aged out of the DC foster care system or who are planning for emancipation

FATHERHOOD SERVICES AND GROUPS expand the array of neighborhood-based services and supports available to fathers and raise awareness of the issues faced by fathers

PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CLASSES are offered in the community to ensure parents receive the support necessary to care for children

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES ensure that individuals and families are linked with community agencies necessary to support and strengthen the family.

### **Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative**

2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.E.

Suite 304

Washington, D.C.

Ward 8

Phone: (202) 889 - 1425

Fax: (202) 889 - 2213

Website: [www.fsfsc.org](http://www.fsfsc.org)

Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. The mission of Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC) is to serve as a catalyst in the Southeast Community to create a healthy socioeconomic environment through which every child and family has an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential and lead a productive life. Pursuant to this mission, FSFSC has created a Community Service Delivery Network, which is comprised of community-based and faith-based service providers across Ward 8. These services include but are not limited to: information and referral, community case management, supportive services, facilitated family meetings, housing assistance, crisis intervention, advocacy, and budget management. The current family support centers are:

- Advocates for Justice in Education
- Covenant Baptist Church
- Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
- Sasha Bruce Youth Works

## General Service Providers

### **Georgia Avenue/Rock Creek East Family Support Collaborative**

1104 Allison Street, N.W • Washington, DC 20011

Phone: (202) 722 - 1815

Fax: (202) 722 - 4561

Website: [www.garcec.org](http://www.garcec.org)

The Georgia Avenue/Rock Creek East Family Support Collaborative is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. It provides a variety of direct services to families, including case management, housing support, information and referral.

Case management involves coordinating services aimed at strengthening, preserving and supporting families. These services include: helping families with finding housing, paying utility bills and other needs. Case management involves a Family Support Worker or Social workers coming to the home of our families to assess their overall needs.

Housing support includes assisting families with a range of housing needs to include programs to locate permanent housing for homeless families. Housing support also involves helping families with rental assistance.

Information and referral services links families to agencies and organizations that address a variety of needs. In many instances this involves referrals for medical care, employment searches, substance or mental health treatment, child care and adult education.

The Fatherhood Initiative is a community outreach program that promotes early and continued father involvement in the lives of children. Workshops are conducted to build fathers' employability and link them to a range of services related to a healthy lifestyle. Participants receive books and tools to continue to honing their fatherhood skills. The Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) offers parents information, training and skill building on various topics as well as parenting workshops. This program uses a multifaceted, holistic approach. The collaborative also offer a resource room is available for parents to get information, books and videos to strengthen their skills.

Y-Trip is a truancy prevention program in collaboration with the D.C. public schools to help families who have children that have missed more than fifteen days of school. This program is school-based.

### **Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaborative Council**

1436 U Street NW, Suite 203 • Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 299 - 0900

Fax: (202) 299 - 0901

Website: [www.hftcc.org](http://www.hftcc.org)

The mission of the Council is to provide leadership and direction regarding the development and implementation of seven "Collaboratives" - a citywide neighborhood-based family support system, which are listed separately in this section of the DC Homicide Resource Guide. The Council enhances each Collaborative and the neighborhoods they serve by uniting all partners into a cooperative effort dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents of the District of Columbia.

The Council's key functions include:

- Working with CFSA to expand neighborhood services to families;
- Advocating on behalf of the Collaboratives to local and federal policy makers;
- Facilitating partnerships with District public agencies;
- Providing training and technical assistance to the Collaboratives;
- Documentation, quality assurance evaluation; and
- Raising funds and leveraging resources to support the work of the Collaboratives.

## General Service Providers

All Collaboratives provide three basic types of services:

### Family Stabilization

Family stabilization services involves the provision of interventions across the service continuum aimed at resolving immediate crisis, identifying and linking to needed resources, and/or providing the support and supervision necessary to achieve permanency goals and family well-being.

### Information & Referral

Information and Referral Services provide information about, and/or referrals to, community resources to meet immediate and long-term needs such as job placement, legal services, food and transportation, mental health services, domestic violence services, shelter care, health and medical services, and housing assistance programs.

### Community Case Services

Each Collaborative is engaged in building the capacity of their target neighborhoods by offering technical assistance, training, resource development, and small grants to their community partners.

### Supportive Case Services

A CFSA social worker has responsibility for case management functions in these cases. Collaborative staff will be engaged to provide varying levels of support to the CFSA worker to assist in stabilizing the family. Collaborative staff assists the worker by providing the core services, which include housing support, visitation and employment support.

### Youth Aftercare Support

Youth Aftercare provides community-based case management and supportive services for young adults who are exiting the foster care system.

### Community Capacity Building

Each Collaborative is engaged in building the capacity of their target neighborhoods by offering technical assistance, training, resource development, and small grants to their community partners.

### DC Fatherhood Initiative

The DC Fatherhood Initiative seeks to expand the array of neighborhood-based services and supports available to fathers, prepare fathers to play a more positive role in the lives of their children, and encourage fathers to provide financial support for their children.

### Second Responders Initiative

The Second Responders Program was created to diminish the effects of violence on youth, families and communities in Wards 7 and 8 through early and coordinated crisis intervention.

### Youth Truancy Diversion Project (Y-TRIP)

The Truancy Diversion Project seeks to reduce the rate of truancy at six junior high/middle schools in the District. The project provides intensive attendance monitoring and family based-services to young people identified by the target schools' administrations.

## General Service Providers

### **North Capitol Collaborative**

1420 North Capitol Street, NW • Washington, D.C. 20002

Phone: (202) 588-1800

Fax: (202) 588-1802

Website: [www.north-cap.org](http://www.north-cap.org)

North Capitol Collaborative is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. It provides a variety of direct services to families, including:

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## General Service Providers

### **South Washington/West of the River**

1501 Half Street, SW, Suite 31 • Washington, DC 20024

Phone: 202-488-SWWR (7997)

Fax: 202-488-7441

Website: [www.swwr.org/home.html](http://www.swwr.org/home.html)

South Washington/West of the River is one of seven Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives. It provides a variety of direct services to families, including:

- After School Services
- Case Management
- CFSA Supportive Services
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Domestic Violence Workshops
- Educational Advocacy
- Family Case Conferences
- Fatherhood Services
- GED Program
- Health Education Groups
- Housing Services and Advocacy
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Information and Referral Services
- Job Training and Placement Assistance
- Literacy Development
- Mentoring
- Money Management
- Parenting Education and Support Groups
- Reading Program
- Substance Abuse Services
- Summer Enrichment Program

## General Service Providers

### **Kendra Smith Family Life Line Movement**

P.O. Box 64093 • Washington, DC 20029-4093

Phone: (202) 452-3577

Website: [kendra-smith.memory-of.com](http://kendra-smith.memory-of.com)

Services Provided: Gift baskets are provided to family and friends of victims of gun violence or other violent acts.

### **Mothers of Unsolved Murders**

Valencia Mohammed

6600 Luzon Ave., N.W., N 402 • Washington, D.C. 20012

Phone: (202) 723 - 2733

Email: [VMohammed16@aol.com](mailto:VMohammed16@aol.com)

### **M.O.M.S.<sup>®</sup>, INC. (Mothers on the Move Spiritually)**

Shanda Smith

1401 V Street, SE

Washington, DC 20020

Phone: (202) 446 - 9433

Email: [murdermistaken@yahoo.com](mailto:murdermistaken@yahoo.com); [M.O.M.S.Inc@att.net](mailto:M.O.M.S.Inc@att.net)

A national organization with a DC/Maryland chapter that offers support to families who are being separated by drugs, criminal offenses, and death. Service include Youth and Adult Workshops, 24/7 mentoring, support groups, and youth after-school Bible study and science and math mentoring.

Current Services - PRESENT - Revised 2006

- Family Crisis Mentoring, 24 hours/7 days
- Soup Kitchen, 3rd Saturday Monthly 12:30pm - 2pm
- Networking, Locally, Nationally, and Abroad w/ Other Groups
- Afrocentric Bible Program and Activities
- Mentoring Our Families in Village Concept
- Lobby on Local, National, and International Issues affecting the Family and Society
- Participation in Marches, Rallies, Vigils and Demonstrations to Affect Social Change
- Afrocentric and Multicultural Enrichment Program
- Youth Programs (Youth Against All Odds/YAAO)
- YAAO Instructional Cultural Awareness (ICAS) 40 week sessions
- YAAO Math/Science Enrichment Project 20 week sessions
- PARENT'S Don't Quit Program (PDQ) 20 week sessions
- Effective Black Parenting 15 week sessions
- Community Activists
- A Women's Place - Women's Issues
- Children and Youth Services
- SONS of M.O.M.S. Program (SOM)
- Pre Adolescent and Adolescent Girls Embracing Program
- EX-OFFENDER REINTEGRATION PROGRAM
- SPECIAL EVENTS (TBA)

## General Service Providers

M.O.M.S.<sup>®</sup>, INC. (Mothers on the Move Spiritually) (continued)

As a two pronged organization, they are a Ministry of St. Teresa of Avila who support and feed the homeless and the community. They are also a Christian Community-Based, 501 (C) 3 Non-Profit organization of concerned individuals, that will identify with the many people who have been separated from family members to the many violences/occurrences that happen in the D.C./Metropolitan area and abroad, be it a loved ones death/murder, drugs/addiction, criminal offenses/incarcerated or just a need to talk to a caring individual 24/7.

### **National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC)**

2000 M Street NW, Suite 480 • Washington, DC 20036

Phone: (202) 467-8700

Fax: (202) 467-8701

Website: [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)

The National Center for Victims of Crime is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims. Through collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, NCVC

- Provides direct services and resources;
- Advocates for passage of laws and public policies that create resources and secure rights and protections for crime victims;
- Delivers training and technical assistance to victim service organizations, counselors, attorneys, criminal justice agencies, and allied professionals; and
- Fosters cutting-edge thinking about the impact of crime and the ways in which each of us can help victims regain control of their lives.

### **Parents of Murdered Children • National POMC**

100 East Eighth Street, Suite 202 • Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Phone: (513) 721-5683

Fax: (513) 345-4489

Toll Free: (888) 818-POMC

Local Contact: Sandra Johnson

Phone: (301) 203 - 9323

Email: [sjdcpomc@comcast.net](mailto:sjdcpomc@comcast.net)

Queen Washington

Phone: (202) 575 - 5641

Email: [queen\\_washington@blm.gov](mailto:queen_washington@blm.gov)

Website: [www.pomc.com](http://www.pomc.com)

POMC<sup>®</sup> provides the on-going emotional support and also helps with the criminal justice system. The staff of the National Headquarters of POMC will assist any survivor and if possible, link that survivor with others in the same vicinity who have survived their loved one's murder. In addition, the staff is available to provide individual assistance, support and advocacy. POMC will provide training to professionals in such fields as law enforcement, mental health, social work, community services, law, criminal justice, medicine, education, religion, the media and mortuary science who are interested in learning more about survivors of homicide victims and the aftermath of murder. Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join

## General Service Providers

### **The Salvation Army**

Divisional Headquarters  
2626 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202) 756-2600

The Salvation Army's Emergency Assistance Program provides eligible Washington, DC residents with assistance for rent, food, utility bills, clothing, furniture, and transportation.

### **District Social Services: Emergency Assistance, Turning Point, Grate Patrol**

1434 Harvard Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 332-5000

### **East of the River Initiative**

3101 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20032  
(202) 561-2000

### **Harbor Light Center**

2100 New York Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 269-6333  
Website: [www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss)

## General Service Providers

### **Survivors of Homicide, Inc.**

311 Decatur St. N.W. • Washington, D.C. 20011

Phone: (202) 882 - 9190

Fax: (202) 882 - 8639

Website: [www.survivorsofhomicideinc.org](http://www.survivorsofhomicideinc.org)

The mission of the Survivors of Homicide is to be a primary resource and source of strength for other survivors of homicide. They are committed to educate communities and advocate for fair treatment of crimes, to ensure the criminal justice system will treat victims and their families with courtesy, respect and above all dignity, compassion, and justice. SOH believes that violence prevention is key to the elimination of the devastation caused by homicides. Therefore it focuses on violence prevention in the communities and schools.

#### SOH Services Provided:

Support groups

Grief Counseling

Victim assistance and service referrals

Support and information to victims and their families during the trials and legal proceedings of their offenders

Legislative action to improve the Criminal Justice System in Washington, DC

#### SOH Goals:

- To improve the criminal justice system in Washington DC, its administration and its sentencing laws
- To recognize the needs and implement the Rights of the Victim
- To raise public awareness of criminal justice issues and victims rights through educational presentations, seminars, etc.
- To work diligently to reduce the number of victims, and to protect the District of Columbia citizens
- To support and provide information to survivors and their families during the trials and proceedings of their offenders
- To provide support and referrals to families of homicide victims
- To ensure the rights and needs of secondary crime victims are met and to establish programs to heighten citizens' collective consciousness concerning the plight of victims
- To increase society awareness of the problems of survivors of homicide
- To improve the extent and quality of services for homicide survivors

## General Service Providers

### **Wendt Center for Loss and Healing**

4201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 300 • Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: (202) 624-0010

Fax: (202) 624-0062

Website: [www.wendtcenter.org](http://www.wendtcenter.org)

The Wendt Center for Loss and Healing is a premier resource for addressing grief in adults and children. They provide mental health services, training, and education to ease the impact of illness, loss, and bereavement

- Professional, licensed and experienced counselors work with children, teens, and adults individually, as families, and in support groups to ease the pain of loss.
- Camp Forget-Me-Not  
Camp Forget-Me-Not is a free weekend, sleep-away grief camp that gives children an opportunity to enter a safe space—away from their everyday lives—to gently explore the normal process of grief. At Camp Forget-Me-Not, each Camper is paired with an adult Buddy for the entire weekend. With a mixture of traditional camp-like activities and grief work, Camp Forget Me-Not provides a safe and enjoyable environment where each child's self expression is heard, valued and honored.
- Children's Services  
Through play — the universal language of children — children are able to effectively express their feelings. Wendt Center teams of therapists, interns and volunteers provide play therapy at our offices, and travel to local schools, community centers, and other social service agencies throughout the metro area to facilitate onsite support for children.
- Crisis Response  
Wendt Center counselors serve as a steady support to children, adults, families and caregivers affected by local and national crises. These have included September 11, the sniper killings in the fall of 2002 in the metropolitan Washington area, workplace and school crises, and neighborhood violence. • Crime Victim Services  
The Wendt Center's Homicide Outreach Project Empowering Survivors (HOPES) Program provides comfort and support for families, individuals, and communities coping with homicide-related deaths. This collection of services is especially designed to meet the needs of people coping with homicide. Services are provided by licensed clinicians, program staff, and carefully trained volunteers with expertise in the areas of trauma, grief and loss, and child and family therapy.
- Recover Program  
Seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year, Wendt Center counselors are at the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the morgue, to provide counseling and support to families who must come to complete the identification process of their deceased loved one.. Our counselors provide emotional and practical support with a special emphasis on including grief care for the children affected by these deaths.
- Training and Education  
Our Training and Education Program offers workshops, conferences and other educational forums on a variety of topics related to loss, bereavement, and trauma.

## General Service Providers

### **Wendt Center DC Crisis Response Team (CRT)**

Wendt Center for Loss and Healing

4201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 300 • Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: (202) 624 - 0010

Fax: (202) 624 -0062

Website: [www.wendtcenter.org](http://www.wendtcenter.org)

The Crisis Response Team is a program of the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing that provides immediate support and information to secondary victims of homicide. When a homicide occurs, the Metropolitan Police Department calls CRT to attend to family members during the death notification process. The CRT also assists with the following:

- Serves as a liaison between family members and authorities
- Provides crisis intervention and grief support
- Assists with funeral planning and burial arrangements
- Provides referrals and logistical support
- Coordinates memorials and candle light vigils
- Checks in with the family in a few days to see how they are doing
- Arranges for ongoing assistance as needed

### **Wendt Center**

#### **RECOVER: Support for Survivors of Sudden and Traumatic Deaths**

Wendt Center for Loss and Healing

4201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W, Suite 300 • Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: (202) 624 - 0010

Fax: (202) 624 -0062

Website: [www.wendtcenter.org](http://www.wendtcenter.org)

When families and friends come into the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to identify their loved one, Recover's professional grief counselors are there to gently guide them through the steps; provide grief education to help address emotional needs; and offer practical information about funeral planning, burial assistance, the Crime Victims Compensation Fund; and other resources available to survivors of homicide.

## Advocacy and Community Outreach Groups

### **Alliance of Concerned Men**

2905 11th Street NW • Washington DC 20001

Phone: (202) 986-6200

Fax: (202) 986-6588

Website: [allianceofconcernedmen.org](http://allianceofconcernedmen.org)

The Alliance of Concerned Men (ACM) is a nonprofit organization with the goal of saving the lives of “at risk” youth residing in high crime areas of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan community. Since 1991, ACM has been providing community services to families and children at risk and in crisis throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

Services include:

- Self-esteem Development
- Communication Skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Peer Tutoring & Counseling
- Job Training Skills
- Cultural/Recreational
- Life Skills Training
- Workshops & Seminars
- Alcohol /Drug Prevention & Treatment
- HIV/AIDS & STD Awareness
- Gang Intervention & Mediation

### **The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence Million Mom March**

1225 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1100 • Washington, DC 20005

Phone: (202) 898 - 0792, (202) 289 - 7319

Fax: (202) 371 - 9615, (202) 408 - 1851

Website: [www.bradycampaign.org](http://www.bradycampaign.org)

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

As the largest national, non-partisan, grassroots organization leading the fight to prevent gun violence, they work to enact and enforce sensible gun laws, regulations, and public policies through grassroots activism, electing public officials who support gun laws, and increasing public awareness of gun violence. Through statewide Million Mom March Chapters, they work locally to educate, remember victims, and pass sensible gun laws.

## Advocacy and Community Outreach Groups

### **The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV)**

1023 15th Street, N.W., Suite 301 • Washington, DC 20005

Phone: (202) 408-0061

Website: [www.csgv.org](http://www.csgv.org)

CSGV is comprised of 45 national organizations working to reduce gun violence. Coalition members include religious organizations, child welfare advocates, public health professionals, and social justice organizations. The diversity of member organizations allows them to reach a wide variety of grassroots constituencies who share our vision of non-violence.

### **Concerned Black Men, Inc.®**

The Thurgood Marshall Center

1816 - 12th Street, NW. • Suite 203 • Washington, DC 20009-4422

Phone: 202-797-7444

Fax: 202-797-7447

E-Mail: [office@cbmdc.org](mailto:office@cbmdc.org)

Website: [www.cbmdc.org](http://www.cbmdc.org)

Concerned Black Men, Inc.® (CBM) is an organization of black male volunteers that provide positive, male role models, and valid definitions of masculinity to the children in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. They seek to build stronger channels of communication between adults and children, and adhere to the motto "Caring For Our Youth."

### **The National Coalition of Homicide Survivors, Inc.**

c/o Pima County Attorney

32 N. Stone, 11th Floor • Tucson, AZ 85701

Phone: (520) 740-5729

Fax: (520) 740-5642

Help Line: (520) 881-1794

Website: [www.mivictims.org](http://www.mivictims.org)

A national coalition that seeks to build a global network to help survivors of homicide victims stop domestic and sexual violence in cyberspace through its website. Objectives include:

- Promote outreach to survivors, professionals and organizations
- Collect addresses, phone, fax & e-mail numbers
- Collect information about programs and services
- Publish & distribute national listings of programs and services

## Advocacy and Community Outreach Groups

### **No Murders, DC**

Dave Bowers

P.O. Box 1852 • Washington, D.C. 20013

Phone: (202) 479 - 9669

NO MURDERS DC is an all-volunteer movement of concerned citizens started on December 22, 2000, by David Bowers. Its mission is to end murder in Washington, DC. NO MURDERS DC's guiding principles are: (1) one murder is one murder too many; (2) the resources to end murder in DC exist in DC; (3) when a murder happens in DC business as usual should stop and citizens should ask themselves what must be done to prevent another murder from happening.

### **Peaceoholics**

606 Raleigh Place S.E. • Washington, D.C. 20032

Phone: (202) 562 - 1971

Fax: (202) 562 - 1972

E-mail: [info@peaceoholics.org](mailto:info@peaceoholics.org)

Website: [www.peaceoholics.org](http://www.peaceoholics.org)

Peaceoholics is non-profit organization that is committed to transforming youth into drug-free and crime-free productive members of their communities. Activities include:

- **Designing & Operating Youth Programs.** Provides services to youth found involved in the District's juvenile justice system in an effort to offer programs to serve as alternatives to detention and prevention to entry into the adult correctional system. Programs focus on a Balanced and Restorative Justice approach and will teach young people to understand the impact of their actions of their community and to offer a means to repair the harm created by illegal activities. In future phases, Peaceoholics will expand programs to include prevention services to include youth at-risk of involvement in the Juvenile Justice System.
- **Developing a Network of Peace-Minded Individuals.** The Organization will develop a broad national network comprised of the Organization's members and other like-minded persons and organizations. The network will support youth programs, share information regarding peace, health and youth issues and coordinate periodic events for the membership and targeted population. Members of the Board and other volunteers will coordinate such efforts and events. The Organization will also establish sister organizations and affiliates throughout the country and the world to serve a wide and diverse constituency. The goal is to promote peace and change community norms regarding risky behaviors and conflict resolution through peer education. The time volunteered will encourage youth and adults to work cooperatively with other persons throughout the country who are dedicated to education and community involvement.
- **Participating in Youth Events Sponsored by Schools, Government Agencies & Non-Profit Organizations.** Program staffs efforts may be spent conducting seminars and lectures to various groups and organizing events related to the empowerment of youth. Technical assistance includes the provision of workshops, trainings, and facilitations.
- **Training and Workshops.** Peaceoholics reaches out to various organizations and institutions providing vocational training and relevant workshops for all willing participants. Areas covered will include life skills, and industry specific coursework in computers training, language based training, and financial management.

## Advocacy and Community Outreach Groups

### **ROOT, Inc. (Reaching Out to Others Together)**

811 Florida Ave, NW • Washington, DC 20009

Phones: (202) 332-ROOT (7668)

(866) 570-ROOT (7668)

Fax: (202) 332-8250

Website: [www.rootinc.org](http://www.rootinc.org)

ROOT (Reaching Out to Others Together) Inc. is a Washington, DC based nonprofit organization committed to advocacy and intervention on behalf of homicide victims and their families. Its goals include;

- To create the "political will" in Congress, State Legislatures, and City Councils, to substantively address gun violence, homicide, drugs, gangs, crime, and poverty through legislation and community action
- To create "true" political power for communities to participate in problem solving, program development, and the legislative process, which is essential to democracy
- To create communities that are economically viable, self-sustaining, productive, safe, healthy and in which families and children believe in a future
- To create the beloved community that Martin Luther King dreamed of in order to transform America towards a moral society
- Legislation: To generate legislation in Congress, State Legislatures and City Councils, and state legislatures from the civil that will address the root causes of gun violence, violence in general, homicide, drugs, crime, and poverty
- Communities' Perspective: To generate legislation that gets to the root causes of violence and that accurately reflects the problems and solutions of the broader civil society, in particular, those communities impacted by gun violence
- Legislative Hearings: To conduct Congressional, State Legislature and City Council town hall meetings in local community schools and community centers that publicly examine the epidemic of gun violence, and to listen to successful solutions that have a proven track record in reducing gun violence and violence in general
- Citizen Congressional/Legislative Hearings: To hold 1000 Citizen Congressional/Legislative Hearings on the root causes of gun violence, violence and abuse in general over a two year period in order to create awareness and stimulate concrete legislative solutions among elected officials at all levels of government
- GAO Study on Gun Violence: To have a GAO study in Congress in order to accurately assess the epidemic of gun violence in America, how it is impacting children and families, and programs that are successfully working to reduce gun violence. GAO Studies on Public Safety's of unhealthy and unsafe communities and viable proven solutions: To commission other GAO studies in the following areas as they relate to unhealthy and unsafe communities and programs that are successfully working to insure public safety
  - Domestic violence
  - Parental, elderly and child abuse (physical, mental, emotional, economic)
  - Gangs
  - Drugs
  - Homelessness
  - Incarceration and re-entry
- Bi-Partisan Congressional Blue Ribbon Commission: To create a permanent bi-partisan "Blue Ribbon Commission On Gun Violence and Public Safety" in Congress that will annually issue a report to Congress on the epidemic of gun violence in America, its root causes, and successful models and solutions that have worked in communities to stem the tide of gun violence and create safe communities.

## Children and Adolescent Services

### Grief Camps and Weekend Retreats

#### **Camp Caring - Hospice Caring Inc.**

515 South Fredrick Ave. • Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Phone: (301)869 - HOPE; contact Valerie Taylor, director of Children's Bereavement at (301)990 - 8940

Website: [www.hospicecaring.org](http://www.hospicecaring.org)

Every spring, Hospice Caring offers a free, weekend bereavement camp for children 8 - 12 who have experienced the death of a loved one. The children are paired with trained adult "buddies" to explore their feelings through age appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Throughout the weekend, emphasis is placed on helping the children to understand the nature of grief, normal responses to death, and ways to express and cope with their grief.

#### **Camp Forget-Me-Not - The Wendt Center for Loss and Healing**

4201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 300 • Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: (202)624 -0010

Fax: (202)624 - 0062

Website: [www.wendtcenter.org/services/camp.htm](http://www.wendtcenter.org/services/camp.htm)

For this year's Camp Forget-Me-Not dates please visit our website or call 202-624-0010

Every summer for one weekend the Wendt Center offers a free sleep-away bereavement camp for area youth ages 6 - 16, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Camp Forget-Me-Not provides a safe, supportive environment for children to gently explore their feelings and to understand they are not alone in their grief. The camp combines traditional sports, crafts, and water activities with programs designed to help children remember, mourn and celebrate loved ones who have died. Each camper is paired with an adult "buddy" with whom they share the weekend.

#### **Camp NABE - Hospice of the Chesapeake**

Arlington Echo Outdoor Recreation Center

975 Indian Landing Road • Millersville, MD 21108

Phone: (410)987 - 2129

Website: [www.hospicechesapeake.org](http://www.hospicechesapeake.org) (see Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center page)

Camp NABE is a free weekend camp in August for children, ages 6 - 13, grieving the loss of a loved one. It provides a challenging and interactive program supported by professional staff and a team of trained volunteers.

## Children and Adolescent Services

### Grief Camps and Weekend Retreats

#### **Phoenix Rising Retreat - Hospice of Chesapeake**

Arlington Echo Outdoor Recreation Center  
975 Indian Landing Road • Millersville, MD 21108  
Phone: (410)987 - 2129  
Website: [www.hospicechesapeake.org](http://www.hospicechesapeake.org) (see Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center page)

Phoenix Rising is a free weekend retreat in July for teens in grades 9 - 12, grieving the loss of a loved one. It provides a challenging and interactive program supported by professional staff and a team of trained volunteers.

#### **Point of Hope Camp – Capital Hospice**

6565 Arlington Blvd. - Suite 500 • Falls Church, VA 22042  
703.538.2065 Office  
Website: [www.capitalhospice.org/patients/grief/camp.asp](http://www.capitalhospice.org/patients/grief/camp.asp)  
FRI JULY 28 - SUN JULY 30, 2006

Anyone living in the metropolitan Washington area who has experienced a loss within the past year is invited to attend this very special summer weekend.

Participants hike, swim, play group games, and take part in supportive discussions that help build trust, self-esteem, and coping skills. Most of all, they find comfort and relief from the isolation of grief.

Point of Hope Camp actually consists of three camps—one for children (ages 6-12), one for teens (ages 13-18) and one for adults (19 and over) that take place simultaneously. Each age group is housed separately and attends age-appropriate activities and support sessions.

### Mental Health Services

#### **Department of Mental Health – Child and Family Therapy**

51 N Street, NE, Suite #700A • Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: (202) 724-5375  
Fax: (202) 724-5677  
Access HelpLine: 1 (888) 793-4357  
or 1 (888) 7WE-HELP

3861 Alabama Avenue, SE • Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: (202) 724-5375  
Fax: (202) 645-4590  
Website: [dmh.dc.gov/dmh/cwp/view,a,3,q,515889,dmhNav,|31257|.asp](http://dmh.dc.gov/dmh/cwp/view,a,3,q,515889,dmhNav,|31257|.asp)

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) treats young people ages 5 to 18 and their families at out-patient mental health centers in Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast Washington, DC. All the centers accept walk-in and scheduled appointments and determine fees on a sliding scale basis. The Northeast and Southeast centers offer individual, family, group, and play therapy, and intensive case management and medication for people 5 to 18 years old. The Northwest center offers a comprehensive range of outpatient psychiatric services to families with children or adolescents between the ages of 5 and 17. The center treats emotional, learning and/or behavioral problems, including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

## Children and Adolescent Services

### Mental Health Services, (Continued)

#### **The Wendt Center for Loss and Healing**

4201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W, Suite 300 • Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: (202) 624 - 0010

Fax: (202) 624 -0062

Website: [www.wendtcenter.org](http://www.wendtcenter.org)

Through play – the universal language of children – children are able to effectively express their feelings. Wendt Center therapists are experienced with treating families and friends who have lost a loved one to homicide. They provide therapy at our offices, and travel to local schools, community centers, and other social service agencies throughout the metro area to facilitate onsite support for children.

### Youth Outreach and Community Services Groups

#### **East of the River Clergy Task Force**

Main Office

4105 First Street, S.E. • Washington, D.C. 20032

202-373-5767 Business

202-373-5769 Fax

Website: [www.ercpcp.org/Home.asp](http://www.ercpcp.org/Home.asp)

Since its genesis in August 1999, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership (ERCPCP) has made dramatic strides in reducing violent crime among youths in the Southeast area of Washington, D.C. The Southeast section has the city's highest rates of homicide, highest rates of teen pregnancy, and lowest rates of educational achievement. The collaboration among churches, law enforcement, social service agencies and area residents holds considerable promise to begin renewal and rebirth in neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River.

ERCPCP's mission is to reverse the incidence of violent crimes, reduce the rate of recidivism, and foster educational achievement. It works with youth already in the criminal justice system or at greatest risk of dropping out of school. An intervention based model, ERCPCP seeks to change the direction of youth who perpetrate violent crimes and serve as new recruits for violence and failure because of educational dysfunction and disinterest.

ERCPCP provides some direct services, but more so works with numerous community partners, coordinating service delivery and providing intake and referrals of at risk youth.

#### Violence Intervention Partnership

The Violence Intervention Partnership (VIP) is a public safety initiative involving a collaborative effort by community leaders, law enforcement officers, government agencies, faith-based institutions, community-based organizations, educators, and social outreach workers. Its mission is to reduce violence among at-risk youth and young adults in communities east of the Anacostia River by developing innovative law enforcement, conflict resolution, and intervention and prevention strategies.

## Youth Outreach and Community Service Groups

### Youth Outreach and Community Services Groups, (Continued)

#### Breaking Down Barriers

ERCPCP sponsors activities to increase interaction, understanding and unity between youth and other sectors of the community.

#### Clergy Response Team

ERCPCP Sponsors teams of clergy and other faith-based individuals that reach out to the families, next of kin and other secondary victims of violent crimes and homicide. Its purpose is to provide aid, counseling and assistance to victims, witnesses and their families and to intervene in the occurrence of retaliation.

#### Youth Outreach and Community Services Groups, (Continued)

#### Benning Terrace

In response to the increased incidents of auto theft and vehicular homicide occurring in the Benning Terrace/Benning Heights area in August, 2003, East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership (ERCPCP) assumed a coordinating role for several organizations and groups who sought positive change for those living in Benning Terrace. Over the past 4 years, a myriad of programs, services, and resources have impacted this public housing community, helping it to become a safe, healthy, and self-sustaining neighborhood.

#### Henson Ridge Youth Leadership Council

The Henson Ridge Youth Leadership Council (HRYLC) has been designed to work with a group of ten carefully selected youth, to train them in leadership skills, life-skills, and teamwork development, through the implementation of a curriculum, workshops, and fieldtrips; subsequently empowering them to be leaders in their communities.

#### Frederick Douglass Memorial Weed & Seed

ERCPCP coordinates this Weed & Seed community where law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" violent criminals and drug abusers and public agencies and community-based private organizations collaborate to "seed" much-needed human services. A community-oriented policing component bridges the weeding and seeding elements.

#### Woodland Terrace

The Woodland Terrace Public Housing Safety Initiative works to meet the needs of families in the Woodland Terrace community. This is done by identifying young people 8-27 years of age, , developing assets for positive development via community strengthening activities, and sustaining programming by creating collaborations and partnerships with other service and community organizations.

#### RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

##### CSOSA Faith Based Reintegration Initiative

Introduced in 2001, the Faith Based Reintegration Initiative aims to pair men and women returning from incarceration with pro-social persons from the faith community to assist in the reentrants' transition into the community. In partnership with numerous churches in Wards 7 & 8 and Maryland, over 200 men and women have been successfully supported through this initiative.

#### Housing Program

ERCPCP in partnership with Johnson Memorial Baptist Church (JMBC) has moved into the housing arena with the intent of providing transitional housing to its participants and affordable housing to citizens east of the river. Our housing efforts include the purchase and renovation of a 14 unit apartment building in Congress Heights which is currently being used to house recently released re-entrants.

## Children and Adolescent Services

### Youth Outreach and Community Services Groups, (Continued)

#### **SISTAS UNITED**

Wessita McKinley, CEO.

Phone: (240) 423 - 0958

Website: [www.sistasunited.org](http://www.sistasunited.org)

#### BACKGROUND

The “Mission” of Sistas United is to: Inform, Educate, Inspire, Motive, and Assist all females to be the “Best” they can be, regardless of: Age, Race, Ethnic Group, Religion, Educational level, or Economic Status, or Gender.

- Bring awareness to issues affecting women and Mothers.
- Mentoring programs for young females, women and mothers.
- Network/Partner with other female based organizations National & International.
- Serve the community by providing assistance for those who have faced a tragedy/accident or act of violence through peer counseling sessions and workshops.
- Implement safe communities and clean up projects by enforcing round the clock community involvement.

## Crime Scene Cleaners

Chesapeake Crime Cleaners - 1-866-999-0339

Amedecon - 1-888-872-0911

CSR - 1-888-687-3270

## Crisis Emergency

Crisis Outreach Services - mobile clinic (202)535 - 2311

CRISISLINK Hotline - (800) 784 - 2433

DC Crisis Response Team (Homicide) - (202) 624 - 0010

CPEP (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program) - (202) 673 - 9319

DC ACCESS Hotline - (888) 793 - 4537

## **Government Agencies • District of Columbia**

### **Child and Family Services Administration**

400 6th Street, SW • Washington, D.C. 20024

Phone: (202) 442 - 6000

Fax: (202) 442 - 9498

The Child and Family Services Agency provides a variety of services to meet the developmental needs of children, prevent abuse, provide family-life experiences through temporary or permanent placement, and preserve families in the District of Columbia.

### **Department of Mental Health Multicultural Services Division**

1250 U Street, NW • Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 673-2058

Fax: (202) 673-2075

DMH provides multilingual and culturally sensitive mental health services to people 18 and older and families from various ethnic and linguistic minority groups. The following multicultural services are offered: Outpatient Program, Medical Clinic, School Based Program, Parenting Skills Training (in Spanish, English, and Amharic). They accept walk-in and scheduled appointments. Fees are determined on a sliding scale basis. No one is turned away because of an inability to pay. Must be a DC resident.

### **Ferebee Hope Community Service Center**

3855 8th Street, SE • Washington, DC 20032

Phone: (202) 645-6545

Fax: (202) 645-6469

Located at the Ferebee Hope Elementary School, it offers computer learning, weekly immunization services for children, anger management training, parenting skills training, and family crisis counseling.

## Government Agencies • District of Columbia

### Metropolitan Police Department

#### **Victim Services Branch-Family Liaison Specialists Unit Family Liaison Specialists Unit**

Penn Branch Shopping Center

3244 Pennsylvania Ave., SE • Washington, DC 20020

Phone: (202) 645 - 9629-Direct

(202) 645 - 6363-Main

Fax: (202) 645 - 9608

Website: [mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,540942,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|31417|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,540942,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|31417|.asp)

The Family Liaison Specialists Unit (FLSU) provides support services to survivors of homicide victims throughout the investigative process. Specifically, this unit supports survivors by acting as a liaison between the Detectives and the survivors and establishing relationships with the community. FLS Unit provides survivors with information concerning their rights as victims of crime, on-going emotional support, case updates, and referrals to other government and community-based resources. The Family Liaison Specialists Unit is within the Victim Services Branch.

#### Services provided:

Providing support to survivors of homicide victims

The Specialists are well trained professionals skilled in assisting survivors of homicide victims through the aftermath of crime. Additionally, assist survivors in locating and utilizing resources to support their emotional and mental health. The Unit offers a range of services, including:

- liaison between homicide Detectives and survivors;
- updates concerning the status of homicide investigations;
- basic crisis intervention;
- emotional support;
- information about the criminal justice system;
- advocacy and assistance in accessing the Crime Victims Compensation Program;
- referrals to other District agencies and resources; and
- provides information about victim's rights

#### **Violent Crimes Branch-Violent Crime Case Review Project**

Phone: (202) 727 - 5037

#### Services provided:

- Point of contact and information on all cases over three years old not assigned to a specific detective.
- Intake center for new information from any source on cases over three years old.
- Provide any paperwork on such cases that might be necessary for insurance or Victim's Compensation claims.
- Arranges for photos to be posted on the MPD Unsolved Murder web page.

## Government Agencies • District of Columbia

### **Commander David K. Kamperin - 202.698.0505**

#### First District Station

415 4th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024  
202.698.0555—Fax: 202.727.4206

#### First District Substation

500 E Street, SE  
Washington, DC  
202.698.0058—Fax: 202.727.4028

### **Commander Andrew Solberg - 202.730.1901**

#### Second District

Second District Station  
3320 Idaho Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
202.715.7300—Fax: 202.715.7362

### **Commander Larry McCoy - 202.673.6820**

#### Third District

Third District Station  
1620 V Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
202.673.6815—Fax: 202.673.2154

#### Third District Substation

750 Park Road, NW  
Washington, DC  
202.576.8222 202.576.3350(F)

### **Commander Linda F. Brown - 202.715.7500**

#### Fourth District

Fourth District Station  
6001 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
202.715.7500—Fax: 202.715.7406

### **Commander Lamar D. Greene - 202.698.0111**

#### Fifth District

Fifth District Station  
1805 Bladensburg Road, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202.698.0150—Fax: 202.727.8649

### **Commander Robert Contee - 202.698.0900**

#### Sixth District

Sixth District Station  
100 42nd Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20019  
202.698.0555  
Fax: 202.727.4206

Sixth District Substation  
2701 Pennsylvania Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
202.698.2088  
Fax: 202.727.4028

Sixth Satellite Office  
2839 Alabama Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
202.583.1891  
Fax: 202.583.1892

### **Commander Joel Maupin - 202.698.1400**

#### Seventh District

2455 Alabama Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
202.698.1500—Fax: 202.645.0020

Seventh District Station  
Seventh District-3rd Watch  
2455 Alabama Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
202.698.1425  
(24 Hour Service)  
Andre.wright@dc.gov

## **Government Agencies • District of Columbia**

### **Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (Juvenile Crime) Victim Witness Assistance Unit**

441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 450N  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Phone: (202) 727 -3500

The Victim Witness Assistance Unit of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is dedicated to assisting and supporting individuals who are victims and witnesses of serious and violent crimes by juvenile offenders. We are committed to assisting victims return to a sense of normalcy by providing short term counseling, support and assistance throughout the entire judicial process, as well as making appropriate referrals to collaborating agencies and organizations to address your individualized needs and personal challenges.

The Victim Witness Assistance Unit recognizes that the stressors created by being victimized can become overwhelming not only to the victim but to family and friends. Our goal is to make this a less difficult and arduous process. Service include:

- Assistance to victims of crimes involving juvenile offenders
- Provide acute crisis intervention
- Provide short term counseling
- Assistance in applying for compensation through the Crime Victims Compensation Program
- Accompany victims to court proceedings
- Assist with Victim Impact Statements
- Referrals to treatment and other applicable helping agencies
- Information about your role in the judicial process
- Inform you on the status and dispositions of cases
- Timely notification of court dates
- Participate in Public Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs
- Assist with travel and hotel arrangements

## **Government Agencies • District of Columbia**

### **Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**

1910 Massachusetts Avenue, S.E. – Bldg. 27 • Washington, D.C. 20003

Phone: (202) 698 – 9000

Fax: (202) 698 – 9100

Website: [www.dc.gov/agencies](http://www.dc.gov/agencies)

The medical examiner is required by law to investigate and certify all deaths in the District of Columbia that occur by any means of violence. Cases accepted by the medical examiner are given either an external physical examination or require a medicolegal autopsy. Families may request a copy of the autopsy report. Cases that are a result of a homicide are completed within 60 days.

### **Office of Victim Services**

John A Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 407

Washington, DC 20004

(202) 727-3934

[ovs.dmps.jdc.gov/ovs/site/default.asp](http://ovs.dmps.jdc.gov/ovs/site/default.asp)

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) is responsible for coordinating and supporting victim services within the District by working with DC government agencies and community-based organizations to develop, expand, and improve services that are provided to victims of violent crime. OVS also provides information and recommendations to the Mayor regarding the needs of victims and best practices for meeting those needs.

### **Mayor's Citywide Call Center – 311**

202-727-1000

The citywide call center program primarily supports the Citywide Strategic Priority area of Making Government Work. The purpose of the Citywide Call Center is to provide a "one stop" service experience for constituents, residents, and visitors in their search for DC government services, numbers, and information. The Call Center is designed to make the public's interaction with the city government less frustrating.

The designated telephone number for the District of Columbia's Citywide Call Center is 311. The Office of Unified Communications oversees the designated call center for all 311 calls and for all District emergency 911 calls.

Dial 311, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to request scheduled services such as trash removal, potholes, bulk pickups, and recycling. Residents may also use this number to report a missed scheduled service, inquire about city agency phone numbers and hours of operation, and pursue other customer service-related items.

## Federal Agencies

### **U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime**

810 7th Street NW. • Washington, DC 20531

Website: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established by the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to oversee diverse programs that benefit victims of crime. OVC provides substantial funding to state victim assistance and compensation programs—the lifeline services that help victims to heal. The agency supports trainings designed to educate criminal justice and allied professionals regarding the rights and needs of crime victims. OVC also sponsors an annual event in April to commemorate National Crime Victims Rights Week (NCVRW). OVC is one of five bureaus and four offices with grant-making authority within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. OVC's Divisions include:

- Terrorism and International Victim Assistance Services Division (TIVASD) (formerly Terrorism and International Victims Unit, TIVU)
- Training & Information Dissemination Division (TIDD) (formerly Technical Assistance, Publications, and Information Resources Unit, TAPIR)
- Federal Assistance Division (FAD) (formerly Federal Crime Victims Division, FCVD) and American Indian/Alaskan Natives
- State Compensation and Assistance Division (SCAD)
- Program Development & Dissemination Division (PDDD) (formerly Special Projects Division, SPD)

### **Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime Resource Center National Criminal Justice Reference Service**

P.O. Box 6000 • Rockville, MD 20849-6000

Phone: 1-800-851-3420 (TTY 1-877-712-9279)

Website: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ovcres/welcome.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ovcres/welcome.html)

The Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center (OVCRC) is your information clearinghouse for emerging victim issues. You can access related resources and assistance via—

- NCJRS Abstract Database—the database to search for victim-related resources.
- JUSTINFO—the biweekly electronic newsletter covering announcements and recent releases of the U.S. Department of Justice.
- NCJRS Q&A database—searchable knowledge base with answers to many of your criminal justice-related questions.
- Content Specialists to answer your questions. Staff can offer referrals, discuss publications, and search for additional resources.

OVCRC can access a well-established network of victim advocates and organizations to address your specific needs or area(s) of interest. Read more About OVCRC (PDF file 440 kb). OVCRC also offers products and online services such as:

- The OVC Web Forum—A place where victim service providers can connect to peers, share ideas about best practices, and help change lives.
- Online Directory of Crime Victim Services—The resource to help find services provided by not-for-profit

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programs and public agencies.

- National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events—A leading resource for locating and promoting events that address crime victims' rights and services. Users can search or submit field events for free.
- The Calendar of Events Screensaver—Download and use this dynamic screensaver to receive information about upcoming events directly to your computer.
- National Crime Victims' Service Awards (NCVRW) awards—An online submission service for nominators and nominees to begin and complete their nominations entirely online. The service offers all the information and background information that you need to find out about the awards, eligibility, submission guidelines, and to research previous award winners.
- National Conference Support Program—A competitive program supporting national conferences on victims' issues by providing resources or funds to underwrite activities.

### **Department of Justice United States Parole Commission**

5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420 • Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Phone: 1-888-585-9103

Website: [www.usdoj.gov/uspc/victim.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/uspc/victim.htm)

As a victim or witness who has been subpoenaed to testify at a United States Parole Commission revocation hearing, it is important for you to know about the hearing process, as well as the importance of your participation in this process. This pamphlet is designed to provide you with helpful information, and to answer some of the most commonly asked questions by victims and witnesses about Parole Commission revocation hearings.

### **Federal Bureau of Investigation-Office for Victim Assistance**

J. Edgar Hoover Building

Room 3731

935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW • Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Phone: (202) 324 - 1433

Website: [www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/victimassist/home.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/victimassist/home.htm)

The FBI is committed to ensuring that victims receive the rights to which they are entitled and assistance to help them cope with the impact of crime. Treating victims with respect and providing them with assistance benefits victims and helps the FBI build better cases. The Terrorism Victim Assistance Unit provides emergency assistance to injured victims and families of victims murdered in terrorist attacks within the U.S. and outside the borders of the U.S. and serves as a permanent point-of-contact for terrorism victims within the FBI. The OVA coordinates assistance and notification services for child victims of pornography and their guardians as part of the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP). The Forensic Child Interviewing Program ensures that investigative interviews of child victims and witnesses of federal crimes are tailored to the child's stage of development and minimize any additional trauma to the child. FBI child interview specialists directly assist with some interviews and provide detailed training to special agents and other law enforcement personnel on child interviewing.

## Federal Agencies

### **US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia Victim Witness Assistance Unit (Adult Crime)**

Phone: (202) 514 - 7130

Website: [www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc/Victim\\_Witness\\_Assistance/index.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc/Victim_Witness_Assistance/index.html)

The Victim Witness Assistance Unit provides assistance to victims and witnesses of serious crime while they are involved with the criminal justice system. Unit Staff will also help victims understand how the criminal justice system works and assist with restitution and services. We have a staff of 26 professionals who provide assistance in the following areas:

- Crisis Intervention
- Referrals to human service, medical and other helping agencies
- Court Accompaniment
- Special services for child victims, the elderly, and handicapped victims
- Information on court proceedings and case status
- Language interpretation services
- Crime victims compensation claims assistance
- Help with victim impact statements
- Assistance with travel and lodging for out of town witnesses

# Funeral • Cremation • Burial Assistance

## District of Columbia Burial Assistance Program Fact Sheet

### What does the Burial Assistance Program provide?

The Burial Assistance Program provides up to a maximum of \$800 toward the cost of a burial of \$450 toward the cost of a cremation. Assistance is provided if the deceased is determined eligible and if the total cost of the burial or cremation is no more than \$2000. The total cost of a burial for a deceased person requiring an oversized casket cannot be more than \$3000. Burial Assistance payments are made directly to the contract funeral home selected by the deceased's next-of-kin.

### Who is eligible?

An individual may be eligible if the money available to the deceased on the date of death does not exceed \$800. This amount includes any remaining money from banking and checking accounts, Social Security checks, final paychecks, etc. When determining eligibility, the income and assets of his/her spouse (if married) or parents (if a minor child) will be considered. To be eligible, the deceased must be a resident of the District of Columbia, even if not living in D.C. at the time of death. Also, burial or cremation services must be arranged through a funeral home under contract with the District and the deceased's body must not have been released to a non contract funeral home at the time of application.

### What funeral homes are under contract to the District for this program?

Austin Royster Funeral Home	202-829-9767	House of Williams	202-723-6777
Bacon Funeral Home	202-332-3352	McLaughlin Funeral Home	202-889-7111
Pope Funeral Home	202-583-5400		
Chambers Funeral Home and Crematorium	301-565-3600		

### How do I apply?

Come to the Income Maintenance Administration (IMA) Service Center at 645 H Street, NE between 8:15 am and 4:45 pm, Monday through Friday. You will be asked to complete an application and provide information to determine if the deceased is eligible.

### What should I bring when I apply?

Please bring document that:

- Verify income and assets such as pay stubs and bank account statements, for the deceased and his/her spouse if married (or parents, if minor);
- Verify that the deceased is a District resident (e.g. lease, utility bills) and
- Establish your relationship to the deceased (e.g. birth certificates, marriage certificates)

### Where can I get more information?

Call IMA Customer Services on 202-724-5506 OR 202-698-4112 OR 202-698-4403

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### FUNERAL HOME TIPS FOR PURCHASING SERVICES

- Shop around in advance. Compare prices from at least two funeral homes. Remember that you can supply your own casket or urn.
- Ask for a price list. The law requires funeral homes to give you written price lists for products and services.
- Resist pressure to buy good and services you don't really want or need.
- Avoid emotional overspending. It's not necessary to have the fanciest casket or the most elaborate funeral to properly honor a loved one.
- Recognize your rights. Laws regarding funerals and burials vary from state to state. It's a smart move to know which goods or services the law requires you to purchase and which are optional.
- Apply the same smart shopping techniques you use for other major purchases. You can cut costs by limiting the viewing to one day or one hour before the funeral, and by dressing your loved on in a favorite outfit instead of costly burial clothing.
- Plan ahead. It allows you to do comparison shopping with out time constraints, creates an opportunity for family discussion, and lifts some of the burden from your family.

# Funeral • Cremation • Burial Assistance

## Questions and Complaints

Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Washington, DC  
1411 K Street, NW, 10th Floor • Washington, DC 20005  
202.393.8000 [www.dc.bbb.org](http://www.dc.bbb.org)

Cemetery Consumer Service Council  
P.O. Box 2028 • Reston, VA 20195  
1.800.645.7700 [www.icfa.org](http://www.icfa.org)

District of Columbia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers  
941 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 7200, • Washington, DC 20002  
202.442.4461

Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW • Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-382-4357 [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Maryland State Board of Morticians  
4201 Patterson Avenue • Baltimore, MD 21215  
410.764.4792 [www.dhmf.state.md.is/bom](http://www.dhmf.state.md.is/bom)

Maryland State Funeral Directors Association  
311 Crain Highway, SE • Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
1.888.459.9693 [www.msfa.net](http://www.msfa.net)

National Funeral Directors Association  
13625 Bishop's Drive • Brookfield, WI 3005  
1.800.228.6332 [www.nfda.org](http://www.nfda.org)

Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers  
6603 W Broad Street, 5th Floor • Richmond, VA 23230  
804.662.9907 [www.dhp.state.va.us/fun](http://www.dhp.state.va.us/fun)

Virginia Funeral Directors Association  
5803 Staples Mill Road • Richmond, VA 23228  
804.264.0505 [www.vfda.net](http://www.vfda.net)

## Funeral • Cremation • Burial Assistance

### Funeral Homes and Cremation Services

#### District of Columbia

Alexandria Pope Funeral Home.....	202.583.5400
Robert Mason Funeral Home.....	202.678.7700
William Ralph Funeral Home.....	202.544.3079
Dunn & Sons Funeral Home.....	202.678.6161
Freeman Robert Funeral Home.....	202.582.6884
Bonnette Funeral Homes.....	202.269.6220
John T. Rhines Funeral Homes.....	202.529.4300
Rollins Funeral Home.....	202.399.2388
Stewart Funeral Home.....	202.399.3600
Austin Royster Funeral (Latino).....	202.829.9767
Bacon Funeral Home (Latino).....	202.332.3352
Hackett Funeral Home.....	202.829.0243
Horton Funeral Home.....	202.829.9000
Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home.....	202.882.8800
Marshall Funeral Home.....	202.723.1250

#### Maryland

Chambers Funeral Homes/Cremation.....	301.699.5500
Danzansky-Goldert Memorial Chapels.....	301.340.1400
Deval Funeral Home.....	301.948.6800
Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home.....	301.937.1707
Robert Evans Funeral Home.....	301.762.3939
Fort Lincoln Funeral Home.....	301.864.5090
Francis J. Collins Funeral Home.....	301.593.9500
Gasch's Funeral Home.....	301.927.6100
George P. Kalas Funeral Home.....	301.567.9424
Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home.....	301.622.2290
Lee Funeral Homes.....	301.868.0900
Robert Pumphrey Funeral Home.....	301.652.2200

#### Virginia

Adams-Green Funeral Home.....	703.437.1764
Affordable Funeral Service.....	703.876.1755
Arlington Funeral Home & Cremation.....	703.522.1441
Demine Funeral Home.....	703.549.0074
Everly Fairfax Funeral Home.....	703.385.1110
Jefferson Funeral Chapel.....	703.971.7400
Miller Funeral Home & Cremation.....	703.878.2273
The Money & King Funeral Home.....	703.938.7440
Mountcastle Funeral Home.....	703.680.1234
Murphy Funeral Homes.....	703.920.4800
National Funeral Home.....	703.560.4400
Old Town Funeral Choices.....	703.465.1800

## Latino Services

### **AYUDA, Inc**

1707 Kalorama Rd NW • Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 387 - 4848

Website: [www.ayudainc.org/pages/page.cfm?id=6&pid=6](http://www.ayudainc.org/pages/page.cfm?id=6&pid=6)

Ayuda's mission is to protect the legal rights of low-income immigrants in the D.C. metropolitan area. We are the District's leading source of multi-lingual legal and social assistance for low-income Latinos and foreign-born persons in immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, and family law. Our overall goals are to improve the ability of our clients to live safe, violence-free lives and become fully participating members of our community. Our organizational activities include:

- Legal and social services that respond to changing public policies and client needs;
- Assistance to survivors and victims of domestic violence;
- Collaboration and referrals to assure client access to culturally appropriate services;
- Community education about rights and resources; and
- Training and technical assistance to social service organizations and government agencies to better serve immigrants.

### **Central American Resource Center of Washington/ Carecen**

1450 Columbia Road, NW • Washington, D.C. 20009

Ph. (202) 328 - 9799

Fax: (202) 328 - 0023

Website: [www.carecencdc.org](http://www.carecencdc.org)

Offers legal, social, educational, and other services to support and empower low-income Latino immigrants in the Washington metropolitan area.

## Latino Services

### **Latin American Youth Center**

1419 Columbia Road, NW • Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 319 - 2225

Fax: (202) 462.5696

Website: [www.layc-dc.org](http://www.layc-dc.org)

The LAYC Family of Organizations is a network of youth centers, schools and social enterprises with a shared commitment to helping youth become successful and happy young adults, with the skills they need to succeed educationally, professionally, and personally.

#### Our Organization

Youth Centers We have been operating our flagship DC site in Columbia Heights since 1974. In 2005, we began offering youth programs and services in Prince George's and Montgomery counties and now operate offices in Silver Spring, Langley Park and Riverdale, MD.

Public Charter Schools The Next Step/El Próximo Paso Public Charter School was founded in 1996, offering teen parents and other young people who have dropped out or have never been to school in this country a flexible, individualized education that can include instruction in English, high school equivalency courses (GED), and work experience.

The Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School was founded in 2001 and provides a dual language immersion environment for children aged 3-12, where students learn a second language ~ either English or Spanish ~ in a stimulating multicultural environment.

The Youth Build Public Charter School, which opened in 2005, offers high school equivalency classes (GED), construction training, and leadership development for youth ages 16-24 who have dropped out of traditional high schools.

### **The Latino Federation of Greater Washington (LFGW)**

2437 15th Street, N.W. • Washington DC 20009

Phone: (202) 328 - 9451

Website: [www.latinofederation.org](http://www.latinofederation.org)

The Latino Federation of Greater Washington (LFGW) promotes understanding of and action on important issues facing Latinos in the Washington metropolitan region. It supports its nonprofit member agencies through the development of a collective voice and agenda that advances Latino concerns and facilitates grants and capacity building services that promote effective management and financial systems for its members.

#### Overarching Goals

- LFGW regional research and advocacy will promote responsible and equitable regional policy research and formulation that will benefit the Latino community in the tri-state area
- Resources to Latino nonprofits operating in the tri-state area will be greatly increased
- The sustainability and capacity of member organizations will be substantially enhanced through LFGW membership services

## Legal Services

### **Bread for the City**

1525 Seventh Street, NW • Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (202) 265 - 2400

Fax: (202) 745 - 1081

1640 Good Hope Road, SE • Washington, DC 20020

Phone: (202) 561 - 8587

Fax: (202) 574 - 1536

Website: [www.breadforthecity.org](http://www.breadforthecity.org)

The mission of Bread for the City is to provide vulnerable residents of Washington, DC, with comprehensive services, including food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. We recognize that all people share a common humanity, and that all are responsible to themselves and to society as a whole. Therefore, we promote the mutual collaboration of clients, volunteers, donors, staff, and other community partners to alleviate the suffering caused by poverty and to rectify the conditions that perpetuate it.

Bread for the City offers five program services to low-income residents of Washington, DC: food and clothing distribution, primary medical care, legal advice and representation, and comprehensive social services. All services are free of cost to eligible DC residents, and are provided under one roof in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

### **Catholic University of America**

3602 John McCormick Rd, NE • Washington, DC 20064

Phone: (202) 319-6788

Website: [law.cua.edu](http://law.cua.edu)

Catholic University of America provides free legal services in cases involving domestic violence, child custody, abuse and neglect, public benefits, special education, landlord and tenant disputes and small claims issues for residents of the District or in matters in the District court system.

## Legal Services

### **Howard University**

2900 Van Ness St, NW • Washington, DC 20008

Phone: (202) 806-8082

Website: [www.law.howard.edu](http://www.law.howard.edu)

Howard University offers clinics regarding matters of civil rights, fair housing, criminal law and alternative dispute resolution.

### **Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**

1331 H Street, N.W, Suite 350 • Washington, D.C. 20005

Phone: (202) 628 - 1161

Fax: (202) 727 - 2132

Website: [www.legalaiddc.org](http://www.legalaiddc.org)

Legal Aid staff and volunteers provide a continuum of services from client education to full representation before a court or an administrative tribunal. They give priority to the following types of cases:

- Preventing Evictions and Homelessness
- Preserving Affordable Housing
- Ensuring a Safe and Decent Place to Live
- Securing Access to Health Care, Nutrition, and Public Benefits
- Protecting Families against Domestic Violence
- Promoting Family Stability through Child Support and Custody Arrangements

### **Legal Counsel for the Elderly**

Phone: (202) 434 - 2120

(202) 434 - 2170

AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) is a free service for people who are 60 or older, live in the District of Columbia, and are in need of legal assistance. If you are having problems with your housing situation or benefits or if you think you need a will or help with your finances, LCE has lawyers who may be able to work with you to find solutions, if you meet LCE's eligibility requirements.

# Maryland Services

## Bereavement Support Groups

Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office Support Group	(410) 396 - 7351
Compassionate Friends .....	(410) 321 - 7053
Family and Friends of Homicide Victims.....	(301) 952 - 0063
Holy Cross Hospice .....	(301) 754 - 7742
Hospice of the Chesapeake .....	1 (800) 745 - 6132
Montgomery General Hospital .....	(301) 774 - 8881
Montgomery Hospice .....	(391) 921 - 4400
Grassroots Crisis Hotline.....	(401) 531 - 6677
Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center.....	(301) 934 - 7301
Victims Rights Foundation .....	(301) 212 - 4141

## Maryland Crime Victims Compensation

Phone: 410-585-3010 or toll free 888-679-9347

Website: [www.dpscs.state.md.us](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us)

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board provides financial assistance for innocent victims of crime. The Board may compensate victims who suffer physical injury for their medical expenses and loss of earnings. In cases of homicide, the Board may assist with funeral expenses and loss of support on the part of the victim's dependents.

## Maryland Missing Persons Network

Website: [www.marylandmissing.com](http://www.marylandmissing.com)

Maryland's missing and unidentified persons network assists law enforcement and families in finding missing persons, and provides support and resources for those dealing with missing person situations. It consists of a network of involved persons: police, forensic specialists, volunteers, family members of missing persons, media, and many more persons whose intent is to find the lost.

## Montgomery County Victim Advocate Program

Website: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov)

Montgomery County's network of specialized services for crime victims and their families through the Abused Persons Program and the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program. Working closely with all related agencies and community partners, the service strives to ensure that victims receive a sensitive, competent and coordinated response.

## Missing Persons Services and Organizations

### **The DOE Network**

Todd Matthews  
121 Short Street • Livingston, TN 38570  
Phone (931) 397-3893  
Fax: (931) 823-9821  
Laurie Gilman  
Area Director - Cell Phone: (301) 807-5224  
Website: [www.doenetwork.org](http://www.doenetwork.org)

The Doe Network is a volunteer organization devoted to assisting Law Enforcement in solving cold cases concerning Unexplained Disappearances and Unidentified Victims from North America, Australia and Europe. It is our mission to give the nameless back their names and return the missing to their families. We hope to accomplish this mission in three ways; by giving the cases exposure on our website, by having our volunteers search for clues on these cases as well as making possible matches between missing and unidentified persons and lastly through attempting to get media exposure for these cases that need and deserve it.

We cooperate with several Missing Person, Law Enforcement agencies and Medical Examiners and strive to work with more in the future.

### **Missing and Exploited Children National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**

Charles B. Wang International Children's Building  
699 Prince Street • Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3175  
The United States of America Phone: 703-274-3900  
Fax: 703-274-2200  
Hotline: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)  
Website: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's® (NCMEC) mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. NCMEC provides the following services:

- Serves as a clearinghouse of information about missing and exploited children
- Operates a CyberTipline that the public may use to report Internet-related child sexual exploitation
- Provides technical assistance to individuals and law-enforcement agencies in the prevention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment of cases involving missing and exploited children
- Assists the U.S. Department of State in certain cases of international child abduction in accordance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Offers training programs to law-enforcement and social-service professionals
- Distributes photographs and descriptions of missing children worldwide
- Coordinates child-protection efforts with the private sector
- Networks with nonprofit service providers and state clearinghouses about missing-persons cases
- Provides information about effective state legislation to help ensure the protection of children

## Virginia Services

### **Haven of Northern Virginia**

Phone: (703) 941.7000  
Website: [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org)  
Hospice of Northern Virginia  
Phone: (703) 538.2065

Haven is a non-profit, non-sectarian community organization of trained volunteers that offers emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying and to their families and friends. Haven provides education to the community about the needs of those who are grieving.

### **Hospice of Northern Virginia (Capital Hospice)**

Capital Hospice  
6565 Arlington Blvd. - Suite 500  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
703.538.2065 Office

Serving people with serious, progressive illness in Northern Virginia, Washington DC and Prince George's County, Maryland.

### **INOVA Fairfax Hospital**

Phone: (703) 698.2841  
Website: [www.lifewithcancer.org](http://www.lifewithcancer.org)

Inova Fairfax Hospital is part of Inova Health System, a not-for-profit health care system, and is located on the same campus as Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and the Inova Heart and Vascular Institute

### **Northern Virginia Hotline**

Phone: (703) 527 - 4077  
1(800) 273 - TALK

CrisisLink saves lives and prevents tragedies. We give vital support to those facing life crises, trauma and suicide, and provide information, education and links to community resources to empower people to help themselves.

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Information for  
Families,  
Community Organizations  
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