

Service Coalition Member Directory



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# DC YouthLink Service Coalition Member Directory

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## Introduction

Welcome to DC YouthLink, a coalition of community-based organizations that provide a diverse array of services to court-involved youth in their neighborhoods. DC YouthLink **Service Coalition Members** are comprised of at least a dozen independent non- and for-profit Service Providers that specialize in positive and developmentally appropriate services for youth including mentoring, tutoring, family support, recreation, arts, mental health, and more. The Service Coalition Member Directory was created to provide contact information, as well as a description of the services DC YouthLink Providers offer to DYRS youth.

DC YouthLink is unique in its approach to service delivery. It is a primary example of how a juvenile justice agency can systematically draw from broad, research-based Positive Youth Development principles to help youth succeed. Positive Youth Development (PYD) is grounded in the belief that when young people are treated as assets by their communities and given the right system of supports and services, they can reach their full potential. While PYD is broadly focused on the developmental needs of young people generally, Positive Youth Justice (PYJ) focuses on the specific developmental needs of young people involved in the juvenile justice system. The PYJ model adapts the traditional 40 developmental assets identified through PYD, honing them to six core developmental domains:

- **Community:** Civic engagement, community leadership, services, responsibility
- **Creativity:** Personal expression, visual arts, performing arts, language arts
- **Education:** Literacy, credentials, learning skills, career planning
- **Health:** Physical activity, diet and nutrition, behavioral health, lifestyle and sexuality
- **Relationships:** Communication skills, conflict resolution, family systems, intimacy and support
- **Work:** Work experience, apprenticeships, employment readiness, income and independence

DYRS has focused on aligning DC YouthLink to the PYJ framework. Through DC YouthLink DYRS youth are provided services in each of the PYJ developmental domains.<sup>1</sup> The goal of DC YouthLink is to reduce the likelihood of re-offending and aid youth in making a successful transition to adulthood by meeting the developmental needs of youth and building on youth assets and potential.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently, there are no services in the Creativity domain for FY 2014.

## Community- Civic Engagement

### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY: THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE - THE AFTER SCHOOL KIDS PROGRAM

The Center for Social Justice  
The After School Kids Program  
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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

The After School Kids program offers a civic engagement/community service program that occurs throughout the Washington DC metro area. The program is centralized at the Georgetown University campus; however, University vans are used to transport staff and participants to identified community sites. Participants will be picked up in Georgetown University vans at their homes and taken directly to the scheduled community service site. These sites will be identified and scheduled prior to the start of the program by After School Kids staff. Georgetown University has a list of community organizations to partner with and a priority will be placed on meaningful partnerships and impactful projects. Youth will participate in the event and then engage in a structured reflection led by trained staff members. At the conclusion, participants will be transported home. Once referred, youth can start immediately. The After School Kids Program will coordinate and provide refreshments, registration and other logistical resources for each site.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does Georgetown University provide services?

*Programming will occur during the weekend on a rotating basis depending on their community partners' availability.*

Is Georgetown University able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are.*

## **Service Location**

Are the After School Kids program's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*The After School Kids' programming will take place at various locations throughout the metro area but is based at the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching & Service at Georgetown University. No services will take place in the youths' homes.*

If site-based, what is the address where your services are offered?

*The Center for Social Justice- the After School Kids Program  
Georgetown University  
1421 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20057*

## **Transportation**

Does Georgetown University offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*Yes, their extensive fleet of vans offers flexibility and door-to-door transportation.*

Does Georgetown University offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*No, they do not.*

## **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Georgetown University's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*All DYRS age groups would benefit.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Georgetown University's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)

*Youth who have the specific need of community service hours will benefit directly from participation, while youth interested in exploring higher education options will also get first-hand experience.*

## **Service Delivery Format**

Does Georgetown University provide services individually or in groups?

*Their program is group-based, but there are individualized opportunities for specific participants.*

Is there a therapeutic component to Georgetown University's program?

No, there is not.

## **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Georgetown University offer?

*Their program has links and connections to Georgetown University partners and extensive supports in the DC area related to many service areas.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Georgetown University's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes and no. Some of their other community-based programming is contract specific with certain partners, but there are resources and community-based services that can be accessed by DYRS youth.*

## Community- Civic Engagement

### MENTORING TODAY

Mentoring Today  
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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Through the Mentoring Today program, approximately 6 youth who have been committed to DYRS are selected as “Youth Leaders.” These Youth Leaders then conduct various workshops and discussion groups with other youth committed to DYRS. The Youth Leaders also conduct outreach to other high-risk youth in the community, as well as provide a youth perspective on local and national panels and conferences pertaining to juvenile justice. The workshops conducted by the Youth Leaders address issues of recidivism, cycles of violence, and how best to make use of community-based services. In addition, the Youth Leaders engage residents of New Beginnings and DYRS group homes in focus groups so that DYRS can hear directly from youth on ways services and programming could be improved. Through Mentoring Today the Youth Leaders gain confidence in public speaking and are able to see themselves as assets to their community.

#### Program Days and Times of Program

What specific days and times does Mentoring Today provides services?

*Their program normally meets on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, times to be determined. Youth also participate in panels and other events throughout the city as opportunities arise.*

Is Mentoring Today able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are.*

#### Service Location

Are Mentoring Today’s services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Mentoring Today’s services are site-based. They normally provide transportation to youth to get to their program. Meetings either take place in the Mentoring Today office, at New Beginnings, at group homes, or in other areas of the city.*

If site-based, what is the address where Mentoring Today's are offered?

*4202 Benning Road, NE, #2  
Washington, DC 20019*

### **Transportation**

Does Mentoring Today offer transportation for youth to and/or from your program?

*Yes, they do.*

Does Mentoring Today offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, they do.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Mentoring Today's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*Youth, 18-21, benefit most from Mentoring Today's services.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Mentoring Today's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, and youth with substance abuse issues?)

*All DYRS youth would benefit.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does Mentoring Today's program provide services individually or in groups?

*Both. Program participants generally meet in groups but each Youth Leader receives individualized services as needed.*

Is there a therapeutic component to Mentoring Today's program?

*No, there is not.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Mentoring Today offer?

*The organization offers a mentoring and advocacy program that matches one on one mentors with young men at New Beginnings. They work together at New Beginnings until release and continue their relationship in the community.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Mentoring Today's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes. But only those who are at New Beginnings on a certain programming level when they conduct their annual intake, which usually takes place in September.*

## Education- Adult Basic Education/GED Preparation

### CITIWIDE COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER: ABE/GED

Citiwide Computer Training Center  
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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

CitiWide Computer Training Center provides the highest quality of training in computer technology, life skills, career development, education enrichment, and job placement to improve the socio-economic conditions of low income District of Columbia residents.

CitiWide Computer Training Center Adult Basic Education/GED program ensures that youth are provided assistance in numeracy, literacy and GED preparation. Youth who test below 9<sup>th</sup> grade in reading and/or math will be provided instruction in both areas in order to bring them to a level whereby they can begin to prepare for the GED exam. Youth who score above 9<sup>th</sup> grade in reading and math will be enrolled in the GED program. The targeted youth outcomes will be educational gains and/or achievement of the GED credential or a high school diploma. CitiWide Computer Training Center provides IC3 training which covers all Microsoft Office package (Windows OS, Word, Excel, Outlook, and Internet). We also provide typing skills, and general workforce development skills that address career needs of the youths.

#### Program Days and Times

What are the specific days and times Citiwide Computer Training Center provides services?

*CitiWide Computer Training Center provides services Monday through Friday. Their day hours are from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and evening hours are from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CitiWide also offers Saturday hours by appointment only.*

Is Citiwide Computer Training Center able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, please see above.*

## **Service Location**

Are Citiwide Computer Training Center's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Services are site-based only.*

If site-based, what is the address where Citiwide Computer Training Center's services are offered?

*3636 16th Street Suite #AG-49, N.W.*

*Washington, D.C. 20010*

*An additional site will be added beginning November 1st, 2013 at-*

*1818 New York Avenue, N.E.*

*Washington, D.C. 20002*

## **Transportation**

Does CitiWide Computer Training Center offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*No, they do not.*

Does CitiWide Computer Training Center offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*No, they do not.*

## **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from CitiWide Computer Training Center services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*The age group that benefits the most from CitiWide Computer Training Center is District of Columbia youths that are ages 14 to 21.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that CitiWide Computer Training Center's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*All DYRS youth would be served well.*

## **Service Delivery Format**

Does CitiWide Computer Training Center provide services individually or in groups?

*CitiWide Computer Training Center provides services both individually and in groups.*

Is there a therapeutic component to CitiWide Computer Training Center's program?

*No, there is not.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does CitiWide Computer Training Center offer?

CitiWide Computer Training Center provides the following auxiliary services:

1. In-person assistance for healthcare insurance enrollment
2. CPR/First Aid/AED certification training
3. FBI criminal background check and fingerprinting
6. Workforce development training

Are DYRS youth eligible for your organizations non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, they are.*

## Education- Adult Basic Education/GED Preparation

### SEEDS OF TOMMOROW: ABE/GED

Seeds of Tomorrow  
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Washington, DC 20003  
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#### DCYL Services Offered

Seeds of Tomorrow's adult basic education (ABE) and GED program is designed for out-of-school youth who need to build academic and employment readiness skills. In addition, Seeds of Tomorrow's ABE and GED program gives out-of-school youth the academic remediation needed to help increase basic math and reading skills to successfully progress toward completing their GED. They use interesting, engaging materials at all academic levels to improve students' academic, employment and life skills. When enrolling, Seeds of Tomorrow assesses students and work with them to complete individualized learning plans, so that they clearly understand the steps they need to take to accomplish their goals.

#### Program Days and Times

The program services are available Monday- Sunday, 24 hours a day. Evenings and weekend hours are accommodated.

#### Service Location

Are services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Services are individualized and can be offered in the home or in other community locations.*

#### Transportation

Does TFCC offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*No, they do not.*

Does TFCC offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, they do.*

## **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from TFCC's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*All DYRS age groups would benefit.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that TFCC's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*Youth with mental health and substance abuse issues, youth with children, and out of school youth.*

## **Service Delivery Format**

Does TFCC's program provide services individually or in groups?

*Services are offered individually and in group settings.*

Is there a therapeutic component to your program?

*Yes, TFCC has on staff a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who can provide therapeutic services.*

## **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does your organization offer?

*TFCC offers youth support groups, summer enrichment camps, and a photography program that engages those who are dealing with grief and loss issues.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for your organization's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes they are.*

## Education- Tutoring

### Children, Children, Children: Tutoring

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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Children, Children, Children's (CCC) tutoring program is focused on helping DYRS youth meet their personal academic and educational goals. CCC uses both the CASAS and Study Island evaluation tools, along with data gathered from schools youth are enrolled in to complete academic assessments of youth. From these assessments, CCC creates detailed academic goals highlighted in individual service plans that dictate the scope and trajectory of tutoring sessions. The Study Island Curriculum is primarily used in tutoring sessions as it parallels DC Public School's academic standards.

Tutoring sessions are delivered in one-on-one or small group sessions. Youth with severe academic deficits, those testing at 4<sup>th</sup> grade or lower, and those who have documented learning disabilities receive one-on-one tutoring. Tutors travel to youth for sessions and often meet youth in DC Libraries, homes/group homes and other community venues.

#### Program Days and Times

What are the specific days and times CCC provides services?

*In an effort to accommodate enrolled youths' schedules, CCC provides tutoring services seven days a week during the mornings, afternoons, and evenings.*

Is CCC able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, CCC is flexible and is able to accommodate youths' schedules.*

#### Service Location

Are CCC's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*CCC's tutoring services are individualized and take place within youths' homes or other locations in the community.*

If site-based, what is the address where CCC's services are offered?

*Not applicable.*

### **Transportation**

Does CCC offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*Yes, they do.*

Does CCC offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*No, they do not.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from CCC's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*CCC's tutoring services would benefit youth 16 to 21 years old the most.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that your services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*Tutoring services are geared towards all DYRS youth.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does CCC provide services individually or in groups?

*Tutoring services are provided individually and in small groups.*

Is there a therapeutic component to your program?

*There is no clinical therapeutic component to the CCC tutoring program.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does CCC offer?

*Children, Children, Children has a program with Court Social Services (Learning Lab) where they provide an afterschool academic program designed to help youth with school work during out of school time hours.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for your organizations non- DC YouthLink services?

*No, they are not.*

## Education- Tutoring

### SEEDS OF TOMMOROW: TUTORING

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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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#### DCYL Services Offered

Seeds of Tomorrow's tutoring program serves youth who need intensive intervention from specially-trained Learning Coaches. Their Learning Coaches work one-on-one with students or in small groups of three students or less. Seeds of Tomorrow has a variety of intervention tools to meet the individual needs of each student, from phonics-based instruction to technology-based instruction that is more game-like to keep students interested. All students complete learning assessments which are used to gauge academic levels, determine the best intervention services, and track progress.

Seeds of Tomorrow provides individualized intervention programs to maximize the productivity of tutoring sessions. In addition, they work in partnership with each student's school and conduct several school visits to make sure the student's progress in tutoring is also reflected in his/her class work. If school attendance is an area of concern, Seeds of Tomorrow will help the student set goals that decrease truancy. These goals are included in the student's Individual Learning Plan.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times is the program offered?

*Seeds of Tomorrow's tutoring program is individualized to meet each student's needs. Their Program Coordinators match students with Learning Coaches who can accommodate their individual schedules.*

Is the program able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they provide evening and weekend hours at their tutoring center or at a convenient location in the community, including youths' homes.*

#### Service Location

Are your services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Both. Seeds of Tomorrow Program Coordinators and Learning Coaches work with youth and families to determine the best location for successful tutoring sessions. Requested locations outside of the Seeds of Tomorrow's learning center must be conducive to learning. If Seeds of Tomorrow provides tutoring services to youth in their home, an adult must be present to supervise and to ensure that there is a quiet place for the student and Learning Coach to work.*

If site-based, what is the address where services are offered?

*1501 Half St., SW  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20024  
(202) 277-7275*

### **Transportation**

Does Seeds of Tomorrow offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*When available, transportation can be provided on an as needed basis.*

Does Seeds of Tomorrow offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, Seeds of Tomorrow provides fare cards to all students entering the program. Students are responsible for paying for their own transportation after they receive their first paycheck.*

### **Targeted Populations**

What age group benefits most from Seeds of Tomorrow's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*All age groups would benefit.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Seeds of Tomorrow's services are better geared towards (ex.- out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*Seeds of Tomorrow is specifically designed to tutor young people who are enrolled in school.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does Seeds of Tomorrow provide services individually or in groups?

*Both. Students individual needs determined participation in group and individual sessions.*

Is there a therapeutic component to Seeds of Tomorrow's program?

*No, there is not.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Seeds of Tomorrow offer?

*Seeds of Tomorrow also offers specialized instruction for special education students including-*

- *Tutoring*
- *Counseling and other related services*
- *Transition assessments*
- *Vocational training and internships*
- *National External Diploma Program support services*
- *Credit recovery: engaging online courses where students can earn high school credit*
- *Alternative to suspension programs*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Seeds of Tomorrow's non- DC YouthLink services?

*If students are in special education – or have been in the past – they could be eligible for additional services. If there is an area of concern, DYRS Case Managers can call (202) 630-8807 and Seeds of Tomorrow will attempt to locate funding to provide specialized services.*

## Health- Physical Health

### NOMIS

#### NOMIS

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Washington, DC 20002  
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#### DC YouthLink Services Provided

NOMIS uses the sport of boxing as a catalyst for change. At NOMIS the fundamentals of Olympic boxing are taught, which include hitting heavy bags, speed bags, mitt work, defensive and offensive boxing skills, and sparring with others of the same weight and ability. Youth can also expect to engage in weight training and conditioning which includes sit-ups, push-ups, jump rope, and running. Besides helping each youth to develop physically, this regime of exercises helps youth develop self-discipline, see their worth and abilities, and receive positive feedback from the coaches and the other participants. All youth participants are afforded opportunities to compete locally, regionally, and nationally in amateur boxing tournaments.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does NOMIS provide services?

*NOMIS' Boxing Academy and Physical Health/Sports program is facilitated Monday through Friday from 3:30 pm- 9:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00 p.m.*

Is NOMIS able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are open from 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm during the weekday and 10:00am- 1:00 pm on Saturdays.*

#### Service Location

Are NOMIS' services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Their services are site-based at the NOMIS Boxing Community Center located within Tony's Boxing Gym.*

If site-based, what is the address where NOMIS' services are offered?

*Tony's Boxing Gym  
1216 Mt. Olivet Road, NE  
Washington D.C. 20002*

### **Transportation**

Does NOMIS offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*NOMIS is making effort to begin offering transportation to DC Youth Link referred youth in FY 2014.*

Does NOMIS offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Based upon needs assessment of a referred youth, fare cards/tokens can be provided for transportation to and from our Boxing Academy and Physical Health/Sports program.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from NOMIS' services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*NOMIS can serve youth ages 12 – 24.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that NOMIS is better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*In addition to serving young people in the community, NOMIS is also capable of serving youth in secure facilities.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does NOMIS provide services individually or in groups?

*Youth generally participate in boxing drills while learning the fundamentals of Olympic Style boxing in small groups or individually. Strength and conditioning exercise are generally performed in a small group of two to three participants or one-on-one with a Youth Worker/Coach.*

Is there a therapeutic component to NOMIS' program?

*Their boxing intervention and strength and conditioning programs contain components that are considered therapeutic recreation because youth have the opportunities to work out stress and anger in a socially acceptable manner.*

## Auxiliary Services

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does NOMIS offer?

*NOMIS also offers-*

- *Monthly group mentoring services.*
- *Junior Olympic Boxing and sports enrichment summer camps*
- *Olympic Boxing summer training camp*
- *Youth retreats*

Are DYRS youth eligible for NOMIS' non- DC YouthLink services? *Yes, they are.*

## Health- Physical Health

### SASHA BRUCE YOUTHWORKS: PHYSICAL HEALTH

Sasha Bruce Youthworks  
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Washington, DC 20002  
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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Sasha Bruce Youthworks' health/fitness/recreation services will provide weekly, curriculum driven workshops covering nutrition, cooking, and fitness education, as well as individual counseling. Sasha Bruce's POWER Program will focus on mental and physical health of DC YouthLink youth. Programming will include healthy living skills groups, nutrition education, gardening, and physical activity. Groups will include discussions and guest speakers on a variety of topics including sexual safety, pregnancy, disease prevention, teen parenting, abusive relationships, and fitness. Nutrition education will be taught by counselors and peer educators with the goal of increased knowledge of healthy food practices. The curriculum, *Eat Healthy-Be Active*, was chosen to engage young people in better health practices. Gardening activities will be conducted hand-in hand partner, *Beet Street Gardens*, and Sasha Bruce's nascent youth entrepreneurial team.

#### Program Days and Times

What days and times will Sasha Bruce be available to offer services?

*Programming will be provided on Mondays and Tuesdays between 5:00pm and 8:00pm.*

Is Sasha Bruce able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*They are able to accommodate youth that need evening hours, but are not able to provide services over the weekend.*

#### Service Location

Are Sasha Bruce's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Youth services will be in the community and site-based.*

If site-based, what is the address where services are offered?

*This is still to be determined, however, some services will be provided at the following addresses:*

- *Sasha Bruce Youthworks POWER Offices, 701-B Maryland Ave NE*
- *Sasha Bruce Youthworks Bruce House Community Garden, 1022 Maryland Ave NE*
- *Sasha Bruce Youthworks Community Room, 745 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE*

## **Transportation**

Does Sasha Bruce Youthworks offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*No, they do not.*

Does Sasha Bruce Youthworks offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Sasha Bruce offers tokens and metro cards for use of public transportation.*

## **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Sasha Bruce's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*Services from Sasha Bruce are available for youth and young adults 13-21 years old.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Sasha Bruce's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*As an Agency, Sasha Bruce is equipped to service the needs of out of school youth, youth with children, LGBT youth, runaway and homeless youth, and youth in care.*

## **Service Delivery Format**

Does Sasha Bruce's program provide services individually or in groups?

*Sasha Bruce is able to provide services individually as well as in groups, but we aim to work with groups of 5 or more youth at a time.*

Is there a therapeutic component to Sasha Bruce's program?

*No, there is not.*

## **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Sasha Bruce offer?

*Sasha Bruce offers residential programs, teen parenting classes and support, GED and workforce development, enrichment services and sexual health services.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Sasha Bruce's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes. Youth can receive services from particular programs and are eligible to access services from any program that can meet their needs.*

## Health- Substance Abuse Prevention

### LIFE DEEDS, INC.: SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Life Deeds, Inc: Substance Abuse Prevention  
505 C Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20019  
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**Contact Person:**  
Marquetta Stevens  
(202) 503-4637

#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Life Deeds Substance Abuse Program uses the Seven Challenges model to educate youth about drugs and prevent usage. The Seven Challenges model is an evidence based program for adolescents and young adults with substance abuse complications. Life Deeds' counselors work with youth in individual and group settings to identify the underlying issues that motivate drug use and negative behavior. Coupled with the Seven Challenges curriculum, counselors' teachings focus on problems solving, communication, anger-management, and stress reduction skills. Counselors maintain regular contact with youths' parents, case managers, care coordinators and other key stakeholder.

#### Program Days and Times

Please specify days and times Life Deeds' Substance Abuse program provides services?

*The days and times for services will vary based on youth schedules; however, their traditional programming hours are Tuesday – Thursday from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.*

Is Life Deeds able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are.*

#### Service Location

Are Life Deeds' services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Their services are site based.*

If site-based, what is the address where Life Deeds' services are offered?

*They will provide services at-*

*4013 Gault Place, NE  
Washington, DC 20019*

*This site is located two blocks from the Minnesota, Ave Metro Subway Station.*

### **Transportation**

Does Life Deeds offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*Yes, transportation is provided on an “as needed” basis.*

Does Life Deeds offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, fare cards will be provided on an “as needed” basis.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Life Deeds services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*The 18-21 year old age group has traditionally benefitted most from Life Deeds’ services. However, they are able to serve younger populations.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Life Deeds’ services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*Life Deeds Substance Abuse Services are geared towards all DYRS youth.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does Life Deeds provide services individually or in groups?

*They provide services to youth in individual and small groups environments.*

Is there a therapeutic component to the Life Deeds’ program?

**Yes, Seven Challenges has a therapeutic component.**

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Life Deeds offer?

*They offer a state-of-the-art Supervised Independent Living housing program.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Life Deeds’ non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, they are.*

## Health- Substance Abuse Prevention

### SASHA BRUCE YOUTHWORKS: SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Sasha Bruce Youthworks  
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Washington, DC 20003  
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#### DC YouthLink Services Provided

Sasha Bruce Youthworks' (SBY) substance abuse education/prevention is taught by counselors' with the goal of increasing youths' knowledge of the negative effects of substance use and abuse. SBY uses a curriculum called *All Stars: Building Bright Futures*. Curriculum-driven workshops occur weekly at our offices in Richardson Dwelling housing project in Ward 7 and in our counseling offices at 745 8<sup>th</sup> St in Ward 6. Individual counseling sessions are tailored to each participant's particular alcohol/drug risk indicators and will focus on nonjudgmental education and practical supports. The individual counseling sessions are conducted at various Sasha Bruce locations including those mentioned above and at participants' homes and placements. Along with *All Stars: Building Bright Futures*, SBY will encourage youth to participate in our *Making the Band* program, which meets during after-school hours. Members of the band learn how to play instruments and perform Go-Go music around the community. They also complete community service hours on a regular basis.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does SBY's program provides services?

*Daytime and evening groups are offered according to youths' availability and need.*

Is SBY able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are.*

#### Service Locations

Are SBY's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Substance abuse prevention groups take place on site, but counseling sessions take place in the home or other community settings.*

If site-based, what is the address where SBY's services are offered?

*Services are offered at-*

*745 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003*

### **Transportation**

Does SBY offer transportation for youth to and/or from your program?

*Yes, they do.*

Does SBY offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, but in limited amounts and according to need.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from SBY's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*Youth ages 13-20 are best served by SBY.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that SBY's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*All DYRS youth are served well by SBY.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does SBY provide services individually or in groups?

*SBY offers substance abuse prevention groups and individual counseling sessions.*

Is there a therapeutic component included in SBY's program?

*Yes, counselors have been trained in the All Stars curriculum and SBY's Competency Based Approach.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does SBY offer?

*SBY offers housing assistance, workforce development, afterschool programming, HIV/STD prevention and testing, and parenting groups.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for SBY's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, if they meet the qualifications.*

## Relationships- Mentoring

### CHILDREN, CHILDREN, CHILDREN: MENTORING

Children, Children, Children  
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Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 329-2231

**Contact Person:**

Henry Culbreth Jr.  
(202) 329-2231  
Children.children@hotmail.com

#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Children, Children, Children's (CCC) mentoring program is designed to help youth successfully complete their commitment requirements and achieve self-sufficiency. Each mentor develops a specific mentoring plan and coaches youth towards the completion of personal goals. Mentors meet youth in the community and engage them in activities consistent with their personal goals, including but not limited to resume building, job searching, peer counseling, conflict mediation, and recreational activities.

#### Program Days and Times

Please specify days and times CCC provides services?

*CCC provides services seven days a week. Times vary according to youths' schedules.*

IS CCC able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are.*

#### Service Location

Are CCC's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Services are individualized as mentors meet youth in their homes and other locations in the community.*

If site-based, what is the address where CCC's services are offered?

*Not applicable.*

#### Transportation

Does CCC offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*Yes, CCC staff transport youth to and from program activities.*

Does CCC offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*No, they do not.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from CCC's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*CCC's services are most beneficial to youth ages 16 to 21 years old.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that CCC's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*CCC can serve all sub-populations of DYRS youth.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does CCC provide services individually or in groups?

*Occasionally CCC offer small group activities, but most mentoring services are provided individually.*

Is there a therapeutic component to CCC's program?

*No, there is not.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does CCC organization offer?

*Staff who are certified parenting educators provide specialized parenting education to mentees.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for your organizations non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, they are.*

## Relationships- Mentoring

### LIFE DEEDS, INC. - MENTORING

Life Deeds, Inc.: Mentoring  
505 C Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20019  
(202) 450-2915

**Contact Person:**

Marquette Stevens  
(202) 503-4637

#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Life Deeds' mentoring program is designed to instill values that facilitate independent living. Mentors construct a mentoring plan for each referred youth to help a successful transition to their next level of personal development. A focus of mentors is to work with youth on life skills, workforce development, attitude adjustment and compliance with DYRS rules and regulations. Mentors meet with school personnel, group home staff, and case managers to collaborate on service delivery and link youth to work and education resources when appropriate.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does Life Deeds provide services?

*Life Deeds program model extends seven days a week. The hours are adjusted based on each youth's individual needs.*

Is Life Deeds able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are able to accommodate youth that require services during the evening or weekends.*

#### Service Location

Are Life Deeds' services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Life Deeds' mentoring services are individualized.*

If site-based, what is the address Life Deeds' services are offered?

*Not applicable.*

## **Transportation**

Does Life Deeds offer transportation for youth to and/or from your program?

*Yes, youth are picked up from home, work, school, etc.*

Does Life Deeds offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*On an as needed bases, youth are provided fare cards.*

## **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Life Deeds services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*Their preferred population is ages 18-21, however they do serve younger youth.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Life Deeds are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*They serve youth from all populations.*

## **Service Delivery Format**

Does Life Deeds mentoring program provide services individually or in groups?

*They primarily provide individual mentoring services; however, there are instances when groups of mentors and mentees will enjoy recreational and cultural outings together.*

Is there a therapeutic component to Life Deeds program?

*Yes, they have the capacity to provide therapeutic counseling services.*

## **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Life Deeds offer?

*They offer a state-of -the-art Supervised Independent Living housing program.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Life Deeds non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, through a referral process led by the DYRS Case Manager.*

## Relationships- Parenting Education

### LIFE DEEDS, INC.: FATHERHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Life Deeds, Inc: Fatherhood Development Program  
505 C Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20019

**Contact Person:**

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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Life Deed's Fatherhood Development Program focuses on helping young men increase their ability to care for their children. Life Deed's uses the "Quenching the Father's Thirst" curriculum developed by the National Center for Fathering. "Quenching the Father's Thirst" is a culturally relevant curriculum designed to engage all learning styles and enhance fathering skills. The curriculum helps young fathers move from focusing on their own needs to focusing on their child's needs. Services are provided primarily in a small group format.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does Life Deeds provide the Fatherhood Development Program?

*Currently services are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm. Current service days and times are subject to change.*

Is Life Deeds able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Life Deeds has a flexible programming model. If evening and/or weekend hours are more convenient for the youth enrolled in their services, they will make concessions to meet their needs.*

#### Service Location

Are Life Deeds services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Their services are site based.*

If site-based, what is the address where your services are offered?

*The Fatherhood Development Program will take place at-*

4013 Gault Place, NE  
Washington, DC 20019

*This site is located two blocks from the Minnesota, Ave Metro Subway Station.*

### **Transportation**

Does Life Deeds offer transportation for youth to and/or from the Fatherhood Development Program?

*Based on need, transportation will be provided.*

Does Life Deeds offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Based on need, fare cards will be provided.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Life Deeds' services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*The 18-21 year old youth tend to benefit most from Life Deed's services. However, they are able to serve the younger population.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Life Deed's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*Life Deed's serves youth from all populations.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does Life Deed's provide services individually or in groups?

*The program format for service delivery is small groups.*

Is there a therapeutic component to Life Deed's program?

*Yes, there is a therapeutic component to their program.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Life Deed's offer?

*They offer a state-of-the-art Supervised Independent Living housing program.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Life Deed's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, they are.*

## Relationships- Family Support/Wraparound Services

### SASHA BRUCE YOUTHWORKS: FAMILY SUPPORT/WRAPAROUND SERVICES

Sasha Bruce Youthworks: Family Support/Wrap  
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Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 675-9340

**Contact Person:**

Victoria Otchere  
(202) 553-8783  
[vvanheuve@sashabruce.org](mailto:vvanheuve@sashabruce.org)

#### DC YouthLink Services Provided

Sasha Bruce Youthworks Family Support/Wrap Around services focus on providing therapeutic and case management services to the families of young people who are returning from out of home placements. In addition, home-based family and individual counseling, group support, case management, life skill building, and engagement in healthy recreational activities are used to shore up families' abilities to maintain youths' stability in the home.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does SBY provide services?

*Because the Family Support/Wrap Around services are individualized, counseling and coaching services will be scheduled according to the family and youths' schedules.*

Is SBY able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are.*

#### Service Locations

Are SBY's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*SBY's services are both individualized and site-based.*

If site-based, what is the address where SBY's services are offered?

*For those youth and families who prefer not to meet in the community, they can meet at SBY's main office located at-*

745 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

### **Transportation**

Does SBY offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*Yes, they do.*

Does your organization offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, but at a limited rate.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from your services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*SBY's services are perfectly suited for youth ages 13-20.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that your services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*SBY can service all sub-populations of DYRS youth?*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does your program provide services individually or in groups?

*Family support and wrap services are individually and family focused for the majority of sessions but there are some opportunities for group counseling.*

Is there a therapeutic component to your program?

Yes, all of SBY's counselors are trained in their agency's competency based model and receive regular clinical training.

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does SBY offer?

*SBY offers parenting groups, HIV/STD prevention and testing, transitional and emergency housing, afterschool programming and workforce development.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for SBY's non- DC YouthLink services? *Yes, if they meet the qualifications.*

## Relationships- Family Support/Wraparound Services

### TOTAL FAMILY CARE COALITION

Total Family Care Coalition  
1214 I Street, SE  
Suite 11  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 249-1000, (202) 747-8878

**Contact Person:**

Lakesha Lewis

#### DCYL Services Offered

Total Family Care Coalition (TFCC) is a family run organization and provides one to one dedicated coaching to at risk youth, and peer support to families who have youth with behavioral challenges. TFCC Peer Support Workers support youth and family by attending court proceedings mental health appointment, IEP meetings, team meetings, diversion meetings, and making home visits. TFCC teaches youths and young adults how to strategically navigate social services systems to enhance a better quality of life for themselves and their families.

#### Program Days and Times

The program services are available Monday- Sunday, 24 hours a day. Evenings and weekend hours are accommodated.

#### Service Location

Are services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Services are individualized and can be offered in the home or in other community locations.*

#### Transportation

Does TFCC offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*No, they do not.*

Does TFCC offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, they do.*

#### Targeted Population

What age group benefits most from TFCC's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*All DYRS age groups would benefit.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that TFCC's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*Youth with mental health and substance abuse issues, youth with children, and out of school youth.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does TFCC's program provide services individually or in groups?

*Services are offered individually and in group settings.*

Is there a therapeutic component to your program?

*Yes, TFCC has on staff a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who can provide therapeutic services.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does your organization offer?

*TFCC offers youth support groups, summer enrichment camps, and a photography program that engages those who are dealing with grief and loss issues.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for your organization's non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes they are.*

## Work- Vocational Training

### CITIWIDE COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER- VOCATIONAL TRAINING

CitiWide Computer Training Center  
3636 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW #AG49  
Washington, DC 20010

**Contact Person:**

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#### DC YouthLink Services Provided

CitiWide Computer Training Center provides the highest quality of training in computer technology, life skills, career development, education enrichment, and job placement to improve the socio-economic conditions of low income District of Columbia residents.

CitiWide Computer Training Center provides IC3 training which covers all Microsoft Office package (Windows OS, Word, Excel, Outlook, and Internet). In addition, CitiWide Computer Training Center provides youth with computer technology training that leads to a credential in Certiport's Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) certification, which includes three separate exams that leads to nationally recognized certification. CitiWide is Certiport's authorized testing center for the IC3 program. Upon obtaining the credentials, youth will be provided job readiness training and assisted with job placement either by direct hire or through an internship leading to a hire. Youth will be monitored and evaluated throughout this process to ensure retention and outcomes. We also provide typing skills, and general workforce development skills that address career needs of the youths.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does CitiWide provides services?

*CitiWide Computer Training Center provides services Monday through Friday. Daytime hours are from 9:30 am- 2:30 pm and evening hours are from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. CitiWide also offers Saturday hours by appointment only.*

Is CitiWide able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, CitiWide Computer Training Center is able to accommodate youth who need evening and weekend hours. CitiWide also offers Saturday hours by appointment only.*

## Service Location

Is CitiWide's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Services offered by CitiWide Computer Training Center are site-based only.*

If site-based, what is the address where CitiWide's services are offered?

*CitiWide Computer Training Center is located at-*

*3636 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite #AG-49, N.W.*

*Washington D.C., 20010.*

*An additional site will be added on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, at-*

*1818 New York Avenue, N.E.*

*Washington, D.C., 20002*

## Transportation

Does CitiWide offer transportation for youth to and/or from your program?

*No, CitiWide does not offer transportation for youth.*

Does CitiWide offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*No, CitiWide does not offer fare cards/tokens for youth.*

## Targeted Population

What age group benefits most from your services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*The age group that benefits the most from CitiWide Computer Training Center is District of Columbia youths that are ages 14 to 21.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that CitiWide's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*CitiWide Computer Training Center can work with all sub-populations of DYRS youth.*

## Service Delivery Format

Does CitiWide provide services individually or in groups?

*CitiWide Computer Training Center provides services both individually and in groups.*

Is there a therapeutic component to CitiWide's program? *No, there is not.*

## Work- Workforce Development

### CAREER PATH DC

Career Path DC  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Suite 307  
Washington, DC 20020  
(202) 698-1817

**Contact Person:**

Tina Kennedy  
(202) 803-3070

#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Career Path DC (CPDC) offers job readiness training, job placement assistance, and retention services. They assist individuals with low to moderate skill sets to become proficient in specific vocational tasks so that they can work towards a clear career path in landscaping. When hired, youth participate in landscaping and street beautification projects throughout the city and engage in community service activities. Within a classroom setting young people learn job readiness skills such as workplace ethics, acceptable workplace behaviors, and employer expectations. OSHA and Flagging trainings are also offered to youth who are interested.

#### Program Days and Times

What specific days and times does CPDC provide services?

*Youth can choose from a daytime program which runs Monday- Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm or evening program which is offered Monday- Friday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Youth can also work on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am- 1:00pm.*

Is CPDC able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, please see above.*

#### Service Location

Are your services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

All services are site-based.

If site-based, what is the address where CPDC's services are offered?

2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Suite 307  
Washington, DC 20020  
(202) 698-1817

### **Transportation**

Does CPDC offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

No, they do not.

Does CPDC offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

No, they do not.

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from your services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*All DYRS age groups would benefit.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that CPDC's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*CPDC's services are better geared towards out of school youth.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does CPDC provide services individually or in groups?

*All services are provided in groups.*

Is there a therapeutic component to CPDC's program?

*No, there is not.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does CPDC offer?

*CPDC offers workforce development for adults returning to community from incarceration.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for CPDC's non- DC YouthLink services? *No, they are not.*

## Work- Workforce Development

### LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER

Latin American Youth Center  
1419 Columbia Road, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

**Contact Person:**

Ana Hagaege  
(202) 319-2227

#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

Latin American Youth Center's Work Investment Program (WIP) focuses on the skills youth need to succeed in the work place, specifically in the customer service and retail industries. The WIP provides participants with work readiness training in basic core competencies such as conflict resolution, active listening, problem solving, as well as basic math and literacy. WIP will also provide the National Professional Certification in customer service (NPCCS) from the National Retail Federation Foundation. The NPCCS is an industry-driven and endorsed credential that helps employers distinguish and recognize qualified customer service professionals. Latin American Youth Center also provides team building exercises, resume and cover letter writing workshops, field trips to prospective employers, mock interviews with potential employers. The organization is able to place youth in jobs via their internship program with employer partners or through direct referrals.

#### Program Days and Times

Please specify days and times Latin American Youth Center provides services?

*Mondays – Thursdays from 10:00am- 3:00pm.*

Is Latin American Youth Center able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Not through the WIP, but LAYC has many evening and weekend hours for other programs.*

#### Service Location

Is Latin American Youth Center's services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Their services are site-based.*

If site-based, what is the address where Latin American Youth Center's services are offered?

1419 Columbia Rd., NW  
Washington, DC 20009

### **Transportation**

Does Latin American Youth Center offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*No, they offer transportation allowances.*

Does Latin American Youth Center offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, they do.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from Latin American Youth Center's services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*The WIP serves youth 16-24 with the average age of attendees being 19 years old.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that Latin American Youth Center's services are better geared towards (ex. out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)?

*The WIP is geared towards out-of-school youth.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does Latin American Youth Center provide services individually or in groups?

*Both. WIP classes are held in groups but Latin American Youth Center also provides one-on-one case management, job coaching, and tutoring.*

Is there a therapeutic component to the WIP?

*No, but Latin American Youth Center can refer youth up to age 21 to counseling internally.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does Latin American Youth Center offer?

*Latin American Youth Center offers housing assistance, intensive case management – e.g. Promotor Pathway, and substance abuse counseling.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for Latin American Youth Center's non- DC YouthLink services? *Yes. They provide wrap-around services to all of our youth, as necessary.*

## Work- Workforce Development

### MAXIMUS HUMAN SERVICES, INC.

MAXIMUS Human Services Inc.  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20006

**Contact Person:**

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#### DC YouthLink Services Offered

MAXIMUS' work readiness training addresses appropriate workplace behaviors and soft skills that participants need to succeed in future employment. We offer intensive career counseling, worksite mentoring, and follow-up assistance on transitioning prior court-involved individuals into the workforce. Our *LifeWorks* job readiness training prepares younger youth for finding part-time employment and addresses soft skills and competencies employers identify as most valuable in succeeding in the workplace, such as communication, interpersonal, and decision-making skills. For older youth ready for full-time employment, case managers work with participants to develop a personalized job search plan and enroll them in our Job Club program to support the employment search in a structured environment. MAXIMUS offers several professional certifications in customer service, retail management, foodhandler, call center, mental health, financial literacy and food and nutrition. Also, there is a Microsoft certified trainer on staff who offers computer classes leading to a Microsoft professional certification.

#### Days and Times of Program

What specific days and times does MAXIMUS provides services?

*Their days and hours of operation are Monday- Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm.*

Is MAXIMUS able to accommodate youth who need evening or weekend hours?

*Yes, they are able to accommodate youth who need evening and/or weekend hours.*

#### Service Location

Are MAXIMUS' services individualized (meet youth at home or in the community) or site-based?

*Their services are individualized and the program design is integrated and builds on a personalized Individual Employment Plan (IEP) that recognizes each youth's unique needs. Our intake and*

*engagement process offers immediate, open enrollment and orientation to program services and will include meetings with the youth at home and other community locations.*

If site-based, what is the address where MAXIMUS' services are offered?

Their service location is the existing MAXIMUS office located at

1720 I Street, NW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20006.

All Job Club and Training activities will be offered onsite at this location.

### **Transportation**

Does MAXIMUS offer transportation for youth to and/or from their program?

*Transportation is not provided however a transportation plan is developed with the youth and emergency transportation assistance is available.*

Does MAXIMUS offer fare cards/tokens for youth?

*Yes, fare cards/tokens for youth are offered on an emergency basis and for special activities.*

### **Targeted Population**

What age group benefits most from MAXIMUS' services (i.e. 15 – 17 year olds, 18 – 21 year olds)?

*Youth ages 15 – 21 years old will benefit from different components of their program.*

Are there other sub-populations of DYRS youth that MAXIMUS' services are better geared towards? (ex.- out of school youth, youth with children, youth with substance abuse issues)

*Youth interested in life skills training, certified industry training, job placement and job retention.*

### **Service Delivery Format**

Does MAXIMUS provide services individually or in groups?

*Their program provides services both individually and in groups.*

Is there a therapeutic component to MAXIMUS' program?

*There are specialized screening tools in place to identify learning disabilities or issues with domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse. MAXIMUS will work with the Lead Agency Care Coordinators to arrange a referral to a provider that offers a therapeutic component.*

### **Auxiliary Services**

What other programs outside of those specifically designed for DC YouthLink does MAXIMUS offer?

*Their additional program offerings include: mentoring, family support, wrap around case management, civic engagement and community service and work experience placement.*

Are DYRS youth eligible for MAXIMUS' non- DC YouthLink services?

*Yes, DYRS youth are eligible for all MAXIMUS' auxiliary services.*