

Crucial civil legal services supporting safe, thriving communities

5,509+

WARD 1 RESIDENTS
SERVED IN 2025

13%

WARD 1 POVERTY RATE
(29% CHILD POVERTY RATE)
*meaning more than 1:10
residents cannot afford legal
services*

31%

WARD 1 HOUSEHOLDS
WITH HIGH
HOUSING COST
BURDEN

Every day, Initiative-funded organizations provide legal help to low- and moderate-income Ward 1 residents on a wide range of legal issues. This includes:

- **Medical-legal partnerships**, including at Howard University Hospital, Children's National Shaw and Columbia Heights, and Unity Health Care covering a range of **housing, education, family, public benefits**, and other legal needs
- Regular **legal clinics and intakes** at a Ward 1 public charter school, public library, and medical clinics - covering **housing, probate, family, education, domestic violence**, and more
- **Know-your-rights trainings and community legal education** in English and Spanish presented in partnership with Ward-1 community charter schools and organizations
- Support for the **unique needs of seniors, crime victims, and other vulnerable populations**

LEGAL HELP SUPPORTS:



Housing

Prevent foreclosures; preserve affordable housing; maintain safe housing conditions to prevent excess health care expenses; resolve eviction matters - often through settlements and payment plans



Safe, Stable Families

Help families resolve custody disputes; address intrafamily violence; secure child support; keep students in school; plan for emergencies; support reentering youth; help with guardianship and long-term planning



Economic Security

Help residents access public benefits and healthcare; combat fraud and illegal debt collection; protect employment rights and wages; preserve inter-generational assets - especially homes - through heirs property work

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