

ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

Ward 4

FY27

Crucial civil legal services supporting safe, thriving communities

6,889+

WARD 4 RESIDENTS
SERVED IN 2025

11%

WARD 4 POVERTY RATE;
22% OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE
AN INCOME UNDER \$50,000

33%

WARD 4 HOUSEHOLDS
WITH HIGH HOUSING
COST BURDEN

Every day, Initiative-funded organizations provide legal help to low- and moderate-income Ward 4 residents on a wide range of legal issues. This includes:

- A **medical-legal partnership** with Children's National Complex Care Clinic at Walter Reed, offering legal assistance for **housing conditions** and **education needs** impacting children's health
- A Ward-4 based grantee that provides legal assistance to crime victims, including **sexual assault and domestic violence survivors**, along with holistic advocacy and case management
- Legal clinics, workshops, and community events on **family law** and emergency family safety planning, **benefits**, and **probate and estate planning** education
- Help for Ward 4 tenant associations advocating for **building-wide housing improvements**

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



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