

# ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

# Ward 5

# FY27

## Crucial civil legal services supporting safe, thriving communities

### 5,235+

WARD 5 RESIDENTS SERVED IN 2024

### 15%

WARD 5 POVERTY RATE; 26% OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE AN INCOME UNDER \$50,000

### 37%

WARD 5 HOUSEHOLDS WITH HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN

Every day, Initiative-funded organizations provide legal help to low- and moderate-income Ward 5 residents on a wide range of legal issues. This includes:

- **Medical-legal partnerships** at Children's National Hospital, focused on adolescents, and another at MedStar Washington Hospital Center
- Monthly **walk-in legal clinic** at Woodridge Library for help with a range of legal issues
- Regular legal clinics for **domestic violence** at Children's National Hospital
- **Benefits check-ups for seniors** at a self-help office
- Know-Your-Rights trainings and community legal education on **consumer law issues, domestic violence, family law matters, and probate and estate planning**, in partnership with a Ward-5 charter school and other community partners

### 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

To learn more: visit us at <https://dcaccesstojustice.org> or go to <https://www.dcbfoundation.org/>

Data Sources: DC Kids Count 2026; Census Reporter (2024 ACS 5-Year data)

