

Crucial civil legal services supporting safe, thriving communities

7,079+

WARD 7 RESIDENTS SERVED IN 2025

23%

WARD 7 POVERTY RATE;
31% CHILD POVERTY RATE;
39% OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE AN INCOME UNDER \$50,000

42%

WARD 7 HOUSEHOLDS WITH HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN

Every day, Initiative-funded organizations provide legal help to low- and moderate-income Ward 7 residents on a wide range of legal issues. This includes:

- A **medical-legal partnership** with Mamatoto Village offering legal assistance with housing, education, and family needs impacting children's health and safety
- Community legal education workshops and outreach focused on **estate planning, foreclosure, financial empowerment, and probate matters**, held in partnership with community organizations, food distribution sites, and farmer's markets
- Free **monthly walk-in clinics** at Deanwood and Benning Dorothy Height Libraries that provide **legal help with public benefits, unemployment, student loans, and more**

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

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