

WARD 7 PUBLIC SAFETY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESOURCE GUIDE

For constituents, families, youth, tenant associations, schools and neighborhood partners | Prepared October 12, 2026

Purpose: provide practical referrals for crime reporting, violence interruption, youth prevention, victim services, safer public spaces and family stabilization. Services are District-wide unless marked Ward 7. Programs and funding depend on eligibility and availability. For immediate danger, call 911.

START HERE: TRIAGE & URGENT CONTACTS

911 — Immediate danger, an active crime, weapon threat, injury or urgent police/fire/EMS response | Do not wait for a Council office referral. |

MPD nonemergency: 202-727-9099 — Nonurgent police reports, suspicious activity and district follow-up | Ask for the relevant police district or community outreach officer. |

DC Victim Hotline: call/text 844-443-5732 — 24/7 confidential victim support, crisis intervention and referrals | <https://dcvictim.org> |

ONSE: 202-807-0440 — Violence intervention, family/survivor support, Pathways and related services | <https://onse.dc.gov> |

DBH Access HelpLine: 888-793-4357 — 24/7 behavioral-health referrals and mobile crisis activation | <https://dbh.dc.gov> |

988 — Suicide/mental-health crisis counseling by call/text | <https://988lifeline.org> |

311 / 311.dc.gov — Streetlights, dumped waste, abandoned autos and public-space maintenance | Document location, pictures, and request number. |

1. GOVERNMENT: CRIME PREVENTION, RESPONSE & SUPPORT

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) | Emergency 911 | Nonemergency 202-727-9099 | mpdc.dc.gov

Offers: Crime reports, investigations, community policing, youth/school safety guidance, crime prevention brochures and safety assessments where available.

Ward 7 use: For gunshots, threats, repeat criminal activity, auto theft or high-risk locations, obtain incident numbers and request a district-level public safety follow-up. Ward 7 spans more than one MPD police district; confirm by address.

Source: [Police Districts and Police Service Areas | mpdc](#)

Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) | 202-807-0440 | 100 42nd St NE, DC 20019 | onse.dc.gov

Offers: Violence Intervention Initiative; outreach by violence interrupters; Pathways employment/life-skills; Family and Survivor Support following qualifying homicides, shootings and stabbings.

Ward 7 use: Best non-law-enforcement referral for credible retaliation risk, entrenched neighborhood conflict, and families recovering from qualifying violent incidents. ONSE intervention has defined scope; not a replacement for 911.

Source: <https://onse.dc.gov/page/onse-services>

Office of the Attorney General — Cure the Streets | oag.dc.gov/where-and-how-cure-streets-works

Offers: Credible-messenger outreach, violence interruption, engagement of individuals at high risk and community mobilization. OAG identifies a Marshall Heights Ward 7 service area.

Ward 7 use: Coordinate non-police interventions in Marshall Heights and ask the program whether a resident or location falls within its operating area.

Source: <https://oag.dc.gov/where-and-how-cure-streets-works>

Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ) | 202-673-6566 | dmps@dc.gov | dmps.dc.gov

Offers: Cross-agency public safety coordination, Safe Passage, Safe Commercial Corridors, Safe and Secure DC Nonprofit Fund and other initiatives.

Ward 7 use: Escalate multiagency concerns involving commercial corridors, student safety or public-space activation.

Source: <https://dmps.dc.gov>

Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) | 202-727-0605 | ovsjg@dc.gov | 24/7 Victim Hotline 844-443-5732 | ovsjg.dc.gov

Offers: Crime victim referral network, victim legal services, Address Confidentiality Program and Private Security Camera Incentive Program (subject to current eligibility/funding).

Ward 7 use: First referral for victims needing counseling, legal navigation, crime-related financial support referrals, confidentiality or home-security assistance.

Source: <https://ovsjg.dc.gov>

Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) | 24/7 Access HelpLine 888-793-4357 | 202-673-2200 | dbh.dc.gov

Offers: Behavioral-health screening, referrals, substance-use treatment and mobile crisis teams for youth and adults.

Ward 7 use: Refer youth exposed to shootings, residents in crisis or families with trauma and substance-use concerns; call 911 if there is immediate danger.

Source: <https://dbh.dc.gov/service/access-helpline>

DC Department of Parks and Recreation — Roving Leaders | 202-698-2250 | 1800 Anacostia Ave SE | dpr.dc.gov/service/dpr-roving-leaders

Offers: Street outreach, youth relationship-building, recreation-based de-escalation and individualized engagement for youth with emerging behavioral conflict.

Ward 7 use: Strong referral for youth repeatedly involved in neighborhood disputes, aggressive conduct or disengagement from positive activities.

Source: <https://dpr.dc.gov/service/dpr-roving-leaders>

Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) | 202-576-7299 | Credible Messenger program 202-549-5022 | dyrs.dc.gov

Offers: Youth justice supervision, family engagement, credible-messenger mentoring and restorative approaches for eligible youth.

Ward 7 use: Refer court-involved youth or families needing navigation through DYRS services; confirm eligibility for Credible Messenger placements.

Source: <https://dyrs.dc.gov/page/credible-messenger>

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) | mocrs.dc.gov | Ward 7 liaisons: amber.wright1@dc.gov; chase.briscoe@dc.gov (2026 EOM contact sheet)

Offers: Agency coordination and neighborhood constituent issue escalation.

Ward 7 use: Partner on Ward 7 safety walks, agency site visits and cross-agency follow-through; reconfirm named liaisons before outreach.

Office of the Attorney General (OAG) / Department of Buildings (DOB) / DDOT / DPW | oag.dc.gov | DOB 202-671-3500 | DDOT 202-673-6813 | DPW 202-673-6833 | 311

Offers: Civil enforcement of qualifying nuisance matters; building/code issues; street lighting, pedestrian infrastructure, dumping and neglected public spaces.

Ward 7 use: Use alongside MPD for nuisance properties and environmental conditions that contribute to safety concerns. Separate criminal allegations from documented code violations.

2. WARD 7 AND EAST-OF-THE-RIVER NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Alliance of Concerned Men (ACM) | 202-575-7544 | info@acmdc.org | 3227 Dubois Pl SE, DC 20019 | allianceofconcernedmen.org

Offers: Ward 7 Greenway conflict-resolution initiative; violence prevention, credible messenger mentoring, family and youth support.

Ward 7 use: High-priority referral for youth at risk of violence, family mentoring and mediation. Discuss geography, intake procedures and participant capacity.

Source: <https://allianceofconcernedmen.org/contact/>

East River Family Strengthening Collaborative (ERFSC) | 202-397-7300 | 4020 Minnesota Ave NE, Suite 100, DC 20019 | erfsc.org

Offers: Ward 7 case management, family stabilization, youth violence prevention/intervention, parent education and linkage services. Convenes Ward 7 Faith Leaders on violence reduction.

Ward 7 use: Best broad-based Ward 7 family referral when safety concerns overlap with school disengagement, household instability or parenting needs.

Source: <https://erfsc.org/family-and-youth-services/> ; <https://erfsc.org/community-engagement-and-partnership/>

Marshall Heights Community Development Organization (MHCDO) | 202-396-1200 | 3939 Benning Rd NE, DC 20019 | mhcdco.org

Offers: Workforce development, supportive housing, small-business and family economic supports; FY26 Safe Commercial Corridors grantee.

Ward 7 use: Connect corridor businesses and youth/families needing economic stabilization, employment pathways or corridor safety programming.

Source: <https://mhcdco.org/> ; <https://dmpsj.dc.gov/page/safe-commercial-corridors-grant-program>

Tzedek DC | 202-274-7386 | tzedekdc.org

Offers: Free civil legal support focused on consumer-debt problems and economic justice, subject to service eligibility.

Ward 7 use: Secondary prevention referral for residents facing debt-related stress, predatory collections and financial instability; not a police or crisis response provider.

Source: <https://www.tzedekdc.org/our-contact-information>

Community victim-service specialists | Safe Shores (child abuse): 202-671-7233 | Wendt Center: 202-624-0010 | Survivors of Homicide: 202-882-9190

Offers: Child-centered forensic/trauma services, grief and loss counseling, and homicide survivor peer support.

Ward 7 use: Refer after violence and for children exposed to abuse or traumatic loss; DC Victim Hotline can help match needs and eligibility.

Source: <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/contact-someone-who-can-help>

Ward 7 neighborhood recreation centers | DPR: dpr.dc.gov | Benning Stoddert – 100 Stoddert Place SE, (202) 698-1873; Deanwood – 1350 49th Street NE, (202) 671-3077; Fort Davis – 1400 41st Street SE, (202) 645-9212; Hillcrest – 3100 Denver Street SE, (202) 645-9200; Kenilworth – 4321 Ord Street NE, (202) 299-5094; Marvin Gaye – 15 61st Street NE, (202) 727-5432; Ridge Road – 830 Ridge Road SE, (202) 671-6747; Rosedale – 1701 Gales Street NE, (202) 727-2591; Joy Evans Therapeutic Recreation Center – 3030 G Street SE, (202) 698-1794; Woody Ward – 5100 Southern Ave SE, (202) 645-3957

Offers: Structured recreation, afterschool/summer opportunities and community space; availability varies.

Ward 7 use: Offer supervised, consistent activities for youth during high-risk afterschool and evening hours. Confirm schedules, enrollment and exact centers with DPR.

Source: [Community Centers & Recreation Centers | dpr](#)

3. FAITH-BASED, EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC PARTNERS — COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The following organizations were provided for inclusion. These are potential partners for interfaith relationship-building, volunteering, youth enrichment, anti-hate education and community-safety convenings; they are NOT represented here as Ward 7 violence-interruption providers. Ward 7 services or joint activities should be confirmed before referral.

Adas Israel Congregation — 202-362-4433 | youth programs, community service and interfaith partnerships | adasisrael.org

Edlavitch DC Jewish Community Center — 202-518-9400 | youth, arts, wellness and volunteer activities | edcjcc.org

Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum — 202-789-0900 | school group visits, educational programming, dialogue | capitaljewishmuseum.org

Metropolitan AME Church — 202-331-1426 | faith and service partnerships, community events | metropolitaname.org

Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School — North and South — 202-291-5737 | school-based education, service-learning partnership discussions | miltongottesman.org

Sixth & I — 202-408-3100 | community dialogue, young adult engagement and events | sixthandi.org

Temple Micah — 202-342-9175 | community/service and interfaith programming | templemicah.org

Temple Sinai — 202-363-6394 | education, social justice and community engagement | templesinaidc.org

Kesher Israel — Georgetown Synagogue — 202-333-2337 | charitable work, youth and community partnerships | kesher.org

Washington Hebrew Congregation — 202-362-7100 | youth, religious-school, volunteer and community partnerships | whctemple.org

Chabad East DC Jewish Center — 202-643-5644 | Rabbi@chabadeastdc.com | chabadeastdc.com | 630 Massachusetts Avenue NE | youth art, learning and faith/community outreach

Empowerment Enterprise II — 202-630-4317 | empowermente2@gmail.com | ee2dc.org | 5201 Ames St NE | youth skills, music and enrichment, wellness and violence prevention supports

4. PRACTICAL REFERRAL PATHWAYS

After a shooting or homicide

Call 911 for emergencies. Once stabilized, refer surviving residents to DC Victim Hotline (844-443-5732) and ONSE Family and Survivor Support (202-807-0440); seek trauma services through DBH and community partners. Avoid distributing private victim details.

Threats between youth or likely retaliatory violence

911 for imminent harm; otherwise consult ONSE, Cure the Streets operating-area staff, DMPSJ, ACM and school-based personnel. Request nonpunitive, confidential intervention and a safe plan; do not attempt private mediation where weapons/threats are involved.

Youth repeatedly involved in fights, truancy or unsafe after-school environments

Engage caregivers and schools; seek DPR Roving Leaders, ERFSC, youth recreation, DMPSJ/Safe Passage, OAG, and DBH if trauma or substance use is indicated.

Violence or intimidation around apartment complexes and corridors

Document dates and specific conditions; contact MPD for crimes; request joint review with property management, tenant association, MOCRS, DDOT/311 and, where relevant, DMPSJ, MHCDO, and/or other VI organizations.

Victims of intimate partner violence, child abuse or stalking

911 for immediate danger; otherwise DC Victim Hotline, Safe Shores for child abuse, and relevant confidential victim advocates. Do not copy an abusive partner or share locations without consent.

Requests for cameras, lighting or safe routes to school

Check OVSJG camera program eligibility and funding, 311/DDOT repair requests and DMPSJ Safe Passage; document request numbers and revisit unresolved conditions.

5. PROPOSED WARD 7 SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MODEL

Convening: Ward 7 Constituent Services + MPD district representatives + ONSE/OAG Cure the Streets + DMPSJ + MOCRS + ERFSC + ACM + school/tenant/faith partners. Focus quarterly on specific hotspots, safe passage, youth referrals, repeat property crimes, street lighting and support after violent incidents. Maintain community-informed goals, avoid identifying youth or victims in public reports, and track referred/connected/resolved outcomes rather than arrests alone.

Suggested case-management fields: incident/location; emergency status; referring resident and consent; lead agency; safety issue category; 311/MPD number; non-police referral; follow-up date; response/outcome. Record allegations as allegations, protect confidential information and avoid promising police or prosecutorial outcomes.

6. OFFICIAL SAFETY AND PROGRAM LINKS

MPD safety and crime prevention: <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/safety-and-crime-prevention>

MPD brochures: <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/download-and-print-safety-brochures>

MPD school/child safety: <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/school-and-child-safety-0>

DMPSJ initiatives: <https://dmepsj.dc.gov/page/dmepsj-programs-and-initiatives>

DMPSJ Safe Commercial Corridors FY27: <https://dmepsj.dc.gov/page/safe-commercial-corridors-fy27>

ONSE services: <https://onse.dc.gov/page/onse-services>

DC Victim Hotline: <https://dcvictim.org>

311: <https://311.dc.gov>

7. EXPANDED GRASSROOTS & CITYWIDE VIOLENCE PREVENTION DIRECTORY

New contacts and additions verified against organizational sites and public directory listings October 12, 2026. Programs may require separate eligibility review; do not imply an open enrollment slot or 24/7 response unless explicitly stated.

Mute the Violence DC

Contact: Website: <https://www.mtvdc.org>

Provides: Gun violence awareness, community relationship-building, neighborhood events, alternatives to interpersonal violence. A partner in Safe Passage under DMPSJ.

Ward 7 use: Invite to prevention outreach, community education, youth/parent engagement; clarify referral and program availability.

The T.R.I.G.G.E.R. Project

Contact: 202-741-4614 | join@thetriggerproject.org | <https://thetriggerproject.org> | 252 37th Street SE, DC 20019

Provides: TRIGGER University paid youth development, community healing, gun-violence prevention advocacy and youth leadership.

Ward 7 use: Priority Ward 7 youth referral; seek age requirements, enrollment cycles and family support options.

Official / reference: <https://thetriggerproject.org/contact-us> ; <https://thetriggerproject.org/trigger-university>

Together We Rise DC

Contact: togetherwerisefoundation@twrdc.org | <https://www.togetherwerisefoundation.org> | 4153 Minnesota Avenue NE, Washington, DC

Provides: Credible messengers, neighborhood conflict mediation, retaliation prevention, trauma recovery, workforce and resource distribution.

Ward 7 use: High-priority violence-intervention partner; ONSE FY25 listing identifies Together We Rise as Ward 7 contractor.

East of the River Clergy Police Community Partnership (ERCPCP)

Contact: 202-373-5767 | info@ercpcp.org | <https://www.bettertogetherdc.org/> | 4105 First Street SE, DC

Provides: Faith/community safety coalition, youth engagement, community healing and clergy/police partnerships.

Ward 7 use: Coordinate faith-leader roundtables, community safe havens, residents after violence, and trust-building.

Peace for DC

Contact: info@peacefordc.org | <https://www.peacefordc.org/>

Provides: Supports community-based gun violence intervention, healing/trauma care, high-risk participant services and evidence-based prevention initiatives.

Ward 7 use: Request training, school-centered cognitive behavioral interventions, victim/survivor engagement and partnerships.

The TraRon Center

Contact: 202-290-9855 (philanthropic directory) | 1-800-288-5353 (website banner) | <https://traroncenter.org/> | 700 Pennsylvania Ave SE, 2nd Floor

Provides: Arts-based healing, peer support and youth services for children affected by gun violence.

Ward 7 use: Refer families after shootings where a child needs trauma-informed support; confirm intake and ages.

Life Deeds

Contact: info@lifedeeds.org | <https://lifedeeds.org/>

Provides: Credible Messenger mentoring, violence intervention support, youth and family services.

Ward 7 use: Referral and partnership prospect for violence prevention and justice-connected youth; confirm funded service neighborhoods.

Alliance of Concerned Men

Contact: 202-575-7544 | info@acmdc.org | <https://allianceofconcernedmen.org> | 3227 Dubois Place SE, DC 20019

Provides: Youth mentoring, conflict intervention and credible messengers.

Ward 7 use: Immediate Ward 7 referral option for neighborhood youth conflict and family engagement, excluding emergencies.

Empowerment Enterprise II

Contact: 202-630-4317 (main); 202-743-3617 (alternate) | empowermente2@gmail.com | <https://www.ee2dc.org> | 5201 Ames Street NE, DC 20019

Provides: Life coaching, music/arts enrichment, peer mentoring, restorative practices, youth development and community wellness.

Ward 7 use: Local youth development and safe activity opportunities; ask about current enrollment and grade range.

Thurgood Marshall Center Trust – Student Programs

Contact: 202-462-8314 | <https://tmcsh.org/tmct-student-programs/> | 1816 12th Street NW, DC 20009

Provides: STEAM, leadership development and diversity/inclusion enrichment.

Ward 7 use: Citywide enrichment partner, not Ward 7-based.

Chabad East DC Jewish Center

Contact: 202-643-5644 | Rabbi@chabadeastdc.com | <https://www.chabadeastdc.com/> | office 630 Massachusetts Ave NE

Provides: Faith education, children's art, youth camps and community gathering.

Ward 7 use: Prospective interfaith and youth partnership; not a direct violence interruption program.

8. WARD 7 FAITH LEADERS & CONGREGATIONAL CONTACTS

The Ward 7 Faith Leaders network was established through ERFSC, ERCPCP, MPD Sixth District and Ward 7 partners to reduce violence. ERFSC describes first-Saturday convenings; contact 202-397-7300 to confirm current schedule and participation. These churches are neighborhood anchors and potential outreach partners, NOT substitutes for trained emergency or violence-intervention personnel.

Ward 7 Faith Leaders / ERFSC

Contact: 202-397-7300 | <https://erfsc.org/community-engagement-and-partnership/>

Provides: Faith-leader convening, gun-violence prevention partnerships and community mobilization.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

Contact: 202-396-8283 | prbc@prbcdc.org | <https://prbcdc.org> | 4611 Sheriff Road NE, DC 20019

Provides: Deanwood/Sherriff Road area congregation; grief support, volunteer outreach, youth collaboration potential.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Church of the Incarnation

Contact: 202-396-0942 | <https://incarnationdc.org> | 880 Eastern Avenue NE, DC 20019

Provides: Deanwood area faith anchor; youth, family and pastoral referral partner.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Contee AME Zion Church

Contact: 202-396-0638 | office@conteeamez.org | <https://www.washdistrictamez.org/district-churches> | 903 Division Avenue NE, DC 20019

Provides: Faith/community engagement and potential mentorship or peace events.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Saint Lucille AME Zion Church

Contact: 202-584-4984 | StLucille@yahoo.com | <https://www.washdistrictamez.org/district-churches> | 5100 Astor Place SE, DC 20019

Provides: Neighborhood pastoral care and community resource distribution partnership potential.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Varick Memorial AME Zion Church

Contact: 202-399-9221 | varickamez@verizon.net | <https://www.washdistrictamez.org/district-churches> | 255 Anacostia Avenue NE, DC 20019

Provides: Ward 7 faith-based outreach in River Terrace vicinity.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Better Together DC / ERCPCP

Contact: 202-373-5767 | info@ercpcp.org | <https://www.bettertogetherdc.org/>

Provides: Faith/civic coalition offering healing circles and safe-haven concepts; confirm event schedules.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church (citywide partner; outside Ward 7)

Contact: 202-529-4547 | calvaryconnects@gmchc.org | <https://gmchc.org> | 610 Rhode Island Avenue NE

Provides: Faith/civic partnership and healing circle convenings; not Ward 7 location.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

Allen Chapel AME Church (nearby Ward 8)

Contact: 202-889-7296 | <https://acamec.org> | 2498 Alabama Ave SE, DC 20020

Provides: Cross-ward collaboration on youth services, family outreach and faith-based support.

Ward 7 use: Seek consent-based referrals, trusted outreach, space for safe programming and survivor support; never assign congregations investigative or emergency duties.

9. REFERRAL QUALITY & PROGRAM STATUS NOTES

Before releasing sensitive resident or youth information, obtain appropriate consent and use secure communication channels. For imminent harm call 911. For retaliation concerns use trained ONSE/credible-messenger pathways. For shooting survivors contact the DC Victim Hotline and ONSE. The presence of an organization on this list does not establish active funding, universal eligibility, a guaranteed response, or an endorsement. Geographic assignments change annually; verify with the administering agency.