

Vital Documents (ID & Birth Certificates)

Washington, D.C.

- **Foundry United Methodist Church (ID Ministry):**
 - **Best For:** Walk-in assistance for DC residents.
 - **What They Offer:** A dedicated ministry that pays the fees and assists with processing applications for DC birth certificates and non-driver IDs.
 - **Address:** 1500 16th St NW, Washington, DC
 - **Phone:** (202) 332-4010
 - **Website:** foundryumc.org
- **Father McKenna Center:**
 - **Best For:** Men experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
 - **What They Offer:** Case management services that include assistance with obtaining identification and birth certificates for guests of their day program.
 - **Address:** 19 I Street NW, Washington, DC (Basement of St. Aloysius Church)
 - **Phone:** (202) 842-1112
 - **Website:** fathermckennacenter.org
- **Miriam's Kitchen:**
 - **Best For:** Individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - **What They Offer:** Their Case Management team helps guests navigate the complex process of obtaining vital documents (IDs, Social Security cards, birth certificates) and often covers the associated fees.
 - **Address:** 2401 Virginia Ave NW, Washington, DC
 - **Phone:** (202) 452-8926
 - **Website:** miriamskitchen.org
- **Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington:**
 - **Best For:** Comprehensive "Next Step" coaching.
 - **What They Offer:** As part of their casework program, they assist participants in setting goals and securing necessary documentation like IDs and birth certificates to become employment-ready.
 - **Locations:** NW DC (1516 Hamilton St NW) and SE DC (1345 U St SE).
 - **Phone:** (202) 722-2280
 - **Website:** samaritanministry.org
- **Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church (Transition Assistance):**
 - **Best For:** Direct financial aid.
 - **What They Offer:** A Transition Assistance Program that provides financial help specifically for obtaining ID documents and birth certificates.
 - **Phone:** (202) 363-4817
 - **Website:** chevychasepc.org

Prince George's County, MD

- **Department of Social Services (DSS):**
 - **Best For:** Residents engaged with social services.
 - **What They Offer:** Case managers can often access "flex funds" or "barrier removal" grants to pay for replacement IDs or birth certificates if it is the documented barrier to accepting a job offer.
 - **Phone:** (301) 909-7000
- **Mission of Love Charities:**
 - **Best For:** Low-income residents in Capitol Heights/Landover.
 - **What They Offer:** Comprehensive case management that includes help with obtaining birth certificates and IDs for employment purposes.
 - **Address:** 6180 Old Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD
 - **Phone:** (301) 333-4440
 - **Website:** molc-inc.org
- **Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services (LARS):**
 - **Best For:** Residents of Laurel, MD (Zip codes 20707, 20708, 20723, 20724).
 - **What They Offer:** Financial assistance for fees associated with obtaining IDs and birth certificates to support housing and employment stability.
 - **Address:** 311 Laurel Avenue, Laurel, MD
 - **Phone:** (301) 776-0442
 - **Website:** laureladvocacy.org
- **Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI):**
 - **Best For:** Residents in housing crisis.
 - **What They Offer:** While primarily the homeless hotline operator, their case managers can sometimes assist with document retrieval fees for clients moving into rapid rehousing programs.
 - **Phone:** (301) 864-7161