

YOUTHBUILD HARTFORD

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE?

Join YouthBuild Hartford and get paid to learn the skills you need to take responsibility for yourself, your family, and your community.

We'll teach you how to get and keep a job, focusing on the following five sets of skills:

- 1.** Basic reading and math skills—essentials for job success.
- 2.** Vocational skills in carpentry and construction.
- 3.** Job readiness skills, such as timeliness, effective communication, and dressing for success.
- 4.** Leadership development skills including confidence, teamwork and conflict resolution—to be a positive force in your own life and your community.
- 5.** Critical thinking skills to help you make your best decisions in all aspects of life.

If you want to make a change in your life, YouthBuild could be the right program for you.

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How It Works: 50% of time learning academic and job readiness skills. 50% of time on-the-job training, so you get paid to learn. If you need it, we offer counseling to address barriers to employment such as substance abuse, criminal record, or relationship problems. In addition, YouthBuild Hartford participants can earn their GED and earn AmeriCorps dollars for higher education.

Why Consider YouthBuild: Employers hire YouthBuild graduates.

Who Qualifies: 18-24 year old Hartford residents with natural leadership ability, and who want to change their lives. Participants must meet income guidelines.

Success Indicators: 350 graduates, 87% of graduates got jobs or pursued higher education within 3 months, more than 90 homes built by YouthBuild graduates.

Our Expectations: Show up, be on time, work hard and believe in your ability to overcome the challenges in your life.

Our Promise: You will be challenged and you will work hard. There will be things you don't like, but we'll go the distance with you, as long as you go the distance with us.

How To Start: Get an application and have an interview. Programs start in the fall and in the winter, and require 30 hours a week for 10 to 12 months.

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