

## YouthBuild

See our program website at [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/youthbuild.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm)

### Analysis:

DOL awarded the first YouthBuild grants in October 2007. The program uses the Youth Common Measures: Placement in Employment or Education, attainment of a degree or certificate and literacy and numeracy attainment.

In addition the YouthBuild also program uses two other measures: retention in a placement and recidivism. These are long-term measures and full data on these measures will not be available until the end of October 2009 and in some cases until October 2010.

### Further Analysis

- 3,669 youth were enrolled in 107 YouthBuild programs around the country as of September 30, 2008.
- Preliminary short-term indicators of performance show that of the 3,669 youth enrolled since program inception:
  - 299 were placed in employment;
  - 374 obtained a high school diploma or GED;
  - 451 obtained a certificate;
  - 131 entered post-secondary education;
  - 33 entered vocational/occupational skills training;
  - 276 entered a pre-apprenticeship program; and
  - 7 entered a registered

## Charting Program Performance

### Current Quarter/Program-to-Date <sup>1</sup>

Performance Measure	9/30/08	PTD
Placement in Employment or Education * <sup>2</sup>	33%	30%
Attainment of a Degree or Certificate * <sup>2</sup>	75%	89%
Literacy and Numeracy Attainment * <sup>2</sup>	4%	11%

Notes:

\*<sup>1</sup> The information provided in the chart is preliminary data from the Web-based Case Management and Performance System. This data is subject to change as system problems in the calculation of these performance measures have been identified and are being corrected. Information is collected quarterly.

\*<sup>2</sup> Due to the long-term nature of these performance measures, the performance data in this chart has been calculated based on participants who have reached at least one year since enrollment and/or have exited the program.

### Program Description

YouthBuild provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their own neighborhoods. Youth split their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they earn their GED or high school diploma, learn to be community leaders, and prepare for college and other postsecondary training opportunities. YouthBuild includes significant support systems, such as mentoring; placement in education and employment; personal counseling services; civic engagement; and participation in community service.

### Program Highlights/Innovations

Preliminary YouthBuild regulations were developed and are scheduled for the initial Notice of Proposed Rule Making in spring 2009.

- The YouthBuild Technical Assistance Collaborative (TA Collaborative) was created to provide in-depth technical assistance to DOL YouthBuild grantees to build stronger organizations and to produce better outcomes for our young people. A robust calendar of technical assistance events has been created for 2009 and includes national and regional conferences, Webinars, on-site training, and the development of an

<p>apprenticeship.</p>	<p>on-line community of practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="732 247 1446 352">▪ The Division of Youth Services (DYS) collaborated with several offices in ETA to bring resources to the YouthBuild grantees. These include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="776 373 1479 520"> The development of a pilot program with six YouthBuild grantees and the Office of Apprenticeship to develop pathways from the YouthBuild program into apprenticeship programs.</li><li data-bbox="776 541 1446 646"> Collaboration with Job Corps to develop referral systems and other partnership opportunities between Job Corps and YouthBuild programs.</li><li data-bbox="776 667 1446 768"> On-going work with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to provide safety instruction and materials to YouthBuild grantees.</li></ul></li></ul>
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