

YOUTHBUILD

Program website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm

PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measure	GPRA Target for PY 2008	Quarter Ending 3/31/09	Program to Date ¹
Placement in Employment or Education ²	TBD	26%	28%
Attainment of a Degree or Certificate ²	TBD	10%	30%
Percentage of students who achieve literacy or numeracy gains of one ABE level ²	TBD	7%	25%

¹ Program-to-Date (PTD) is as of the program inception on October 15, 2007.

² Due to the long-term nature of these performance measures, the data in this chart are based on the very few participants that 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

Many YouthBuild programs are now making the leap to green building techniques and are focused on getting construction trainers certified as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) trainers.

A new round of grants is expected to be announced in June 2009, including \$70 million in regular appropriations plus an additional \$50 million for Recovery Act grantees.

ANALYSIS

- Enrollment: DOL awarded the first YouthBuild grants in October 2007. As of March 31, 2009, 6,086 youth were enrolled in 107 YouthBuild programs around the country. This number is expected to increase dramatically once the new grantees are announced in the summer of 2009.
- Preliminary short-term indicators of performance show that of the 6,086 youth enrolled since program inception:
 - There were 802 initial job placements
 - 888 obtained a high school diploma or GED
 - 1,346 obtained an industry-recognized certificate
 - 253 entered post-secondary education
 - 100 entered vocational/ occupational skills training
 - 520 entered a pre-apprenticeship program
 - 16 entered a registered apprenticeship program