

YouthBuild Louisville

Youth rebuilding their lives while
rebuilding their communities

www.youthbuildlouisville.org

YBL Mission



YouthBuild Louisville's mission is to capitalize on the positive energy of young adults by creating commitment and opportunities for success and lifelong learning for themselves, their families and their entire community.

What is our business?

- YBL is an education and job training program with the ultimate goal of placing our students in post secondary education, a job, an apprenticeship or the military.
- The YouthBuild model was chosen in 2008 by the Skoll Foundation as one of the top 12 strategies internationally for impacting high risk youth
- YouthBuild was highlighted in 2008 as one of six best non profit practices in America in *Forces for Good*.
- YouthBuild Louisville was highlighted as one of the top programs in the country that “does what it takes” to help young people succeed.

Who does YBL serve?

Profile of YouthBuild participants

- Young people 16-24 years old
- 75% are high school dropouts, the remaining
- 25% have educational deficiencies
- 61% are parents
- 35% are young women
- 90% are African American
- 100% are living below poverty level upon entry

What goes on the EOY resume of a YBL student?

- Education
- Construction Training
- Green Jobs Training
- Social Services
- Community Service
- Job Shadowing, Internships, Life Plan IGP
- Goals for College, Job or Military



Funded by the Department of Labor

Education

- *GED – enriched with reading/writing, science and math*
- *High School Diploma*
- *College Preparation – green certification*



Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education the premise of progress, in every society, in every family. – Kofi Annan

Applying Green in the Classroom



- Researching information on climate change, recycling and reuse strategies and local environmental justice issues –Social Studies
- Study the importance of trees on our climate - Science
- Study healthy lifestyles – Biology
- Study the savings over time for family by using green products vs. cost of green products – Math
- Prepare energy efficient packets for home buyers -Writing

Construction (C-Corps)

- PACT Certification in Carpentry
- On-site skills development
- Renovation and new construction of single family homes
- Internships, Job Shadowing
- Placement



Certifications

- PACT, First Aid and CPR
- Emphasis using green products and landscape techniques that “cool down” the house
- Optional for second year students a certification for horticulture (herbicide pesticide certification)

On-site Green Training

- Installation of vapor barriers, house wrapping, insulation, air tight windows and doors (screens), heat pumps and efficient AC units, overhead fans, low VOC paints, energy efficient lighting, energy efficient appliances
- Use local lumber yards and material suppliers
- No mow or low maintenance lawns, gardens plots and sheds
- Recycle, reduce and reuse all building products on sites of new and rehab units



Watershed issues on site

- Divert rain water from down spouts to yard, not storm sewers
- Create rain gardens using native plants when possible
- Planting native plants and trees will support the percolation of rain water into soil



Green field trips

- Visits to local lumber yards and mill shops (show how to lessen the carbon footprint)
- Visit local nurseries and arborist businesses
- Home Depot Scavenger Hunt for Green Materials
- Visit commercially built green buildings and homes
- Visit local venues to appreciate why we want to build green: river banks, parks, forests



Social Services

- **Work to bring realistic solutions to the barriers that have kept them from succeeding including intensive character development**
- **Drivers License**
- **Child Care**
- **Legal Issues**
- **Housing, Clothing and Food**
- **Counseling**
- **Health – physicals, vision, dental**
- **Healthy cooking, buying locally grown foods**



Community Service

Who am I in relationship to my community?

- Provide 675 hours of service
- Learn more about local agencies and projects
- Learn more about who they are through service
- Earn an AmeriCorps College Scholarship of \$1,800



Green service projects



- Onsite projects – Tree planting, rain barrel production, maintenance of outdoor classrooms, maintenance of local public facilities
- Support growth of local gardens in neighborhoods
- Installing weatherization retrofits for seniors and low income families
- Clean-ups in homebuilding neighborhoods
- Assisting Habitat for Humanity in homebuilding and by taking demo articles to ReStore

Funded by the Department of Labor



Expected YBL Green Outcomes



- Higher quality construction – energy certified
- Low income homebuyers live in more energy efficient houses
- Lower energy use in community
- Youth learn to look for efficient units as they start to rent or purchase homes
- Youth learn coping mechanisms by being in the out of doors
- Youth earn green jobs

Placement Partners

- Placement of youth in green jobs/education
- Construction - HBAL
- Nurseries, landscapers and tree maintenance firms – TreeScape Arborists
- Public parks and forests – Metro Parks
- Mass transit - TARC
- College and other post-secondary placements in science and green technology



Funding Partners

Who is helping us achieve our goals?

- U. S. Department of Labor
- AmeriCorps
- Kentuckiana Works (local workforce investment board)
- YBUSA National Schools Initiative (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Wal-Mart Foundation)
- Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development, Housing, Housing Authority, Urban TreeScape Program
- Jefferson County Public Schools, Jefferson Technical College
- Messer Construction Company
- National City Bank, Commonwealth Bank and Trust Co.
- Transit Authority of River City
- Home Builders Association of Louisville
- Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky



Funded by the Department of Labor

YouthBuild Louisville

Thank you!

For more information about the YouthBuild Louisville program, please contact us at: (502) 213-4257
Or visit our website: www.YouthBuildLouisville.org

Funded by the Department of Labor