

YouthBuild Program

- YouthBuild Spokane is a program which provides **education, counseling and job skills** to unemployed young American adults (between ages 18 and 24) whom have not finished their high school diploma or GED.
- The YouthBuild program has five components:
 - Construction
 - Education
 - Counseling
 - Leadership
 - Graduate resources



Students spend two days a week on a job site, learning construction by building homes within their communities. Through this process, students gain transferrable skills and marketability. The other two days are spent on education in the YouthBuild classroom, with the goal of attaining either their diploma or GED. Once individuals **complete their high school diploma or GED** they are given the option of working an extra day (which equals extra pay), along with a 'transition day'. A transition day is created to individualize the goals of the student. Most often this includes college tours, portfolio development, job shadows, financial aid forms and practice interviews to name just a few.

- **Leadership** is taught explicitly in YouthBuild programs, based on the philosophy that young people are not a burden, but rather a resource to be tapped. This, combined with ensuring opportunity and placement for graduates, means that many YouthBuild graduates go on to college, work in the non-profit sector, serve on committees, or even run in local politics.
- The program is generally seven months in length with an additional nine months of resources provided to the graduates. Students are also co-enrolled as an AmeriCorps part-time volunteer to earn a minimum of **\$1000 for college**.
- All students finishing the program do so with their First Aid/CPR card, OSHA 10, money for college, and most importantly **A PLAN** for their future.
- Contact the YouthBuild staff today to find out the start date for the next cohort!