“YouthBuild got me back into the system and gave me the self-esteem to find something that interested me,” said Patterson. “YouthBuild showed if you work hard it does pay off in the long run, that if you want to do it you can; you just need to take the right steps.”

Bruce Patterson, program participant

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WHY GOODWILL?
When it comes to finding, getting and keeping a job, many people need help. Goodwill provides the personalized job training and placement services you need to reach your goals.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

YouthBuild is focused on partnering with young adults to help them transform their lives and roles in society, and earn their GED; preparing for the working and academic world; serving their community as quarter time AmeriCorps members, transforming their lives to become positive leaders through leadership development; community service; civic engagement; and building and rehabilitating low-income housing. This program will require a full-time commitment. There will be an alternating schedule between construction, classroom and community service.

WHAT IS YOUTHBUILD?

- GED Classes
- Construction Training
- Case Management
- AmeriCorps Membership
- Resource Connections
- College Prep
- Community Involvement
- Leadership Development

WHAT DOES YOUTHBUILD HAVE TO OFFER?

- A chance for change
- GED Attainment
- Construction Certification
- Financial incentives
- A family environment
- $1,468 towards post education/training (upon completion of 450 AmeriCorps service hours earned during YouthBuild enrollment)

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MUST BE:

- Between 17-24 years of age
- No High School Diploma or GED

And at least 2 of the following:

- Low-income
- Basic skills deficient
- Receive public assistance (food stamps, Welfare, Social Security, medical coupons)
- Live in public/low-income housing
- Are a foster youth
- Aged out of foster care
- Youth Offender
- Adult Offender
- Youth of an incarcerated parent

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