

YouthBuild

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Analysis

- Preliminary short-term indicators of performance show that of the 4,937 youth enrolled since program inception:
 - 543 were placed in employment
 - 674 obtained a high school diploma or GED
 - 845 obtained an industry-recognized certificate
 - 166 entered post-secondary education
 - 50 entered vocational/occupational skills training
 - 448 entered a pre-apprenticeship program
 - 13 entered a registered apprenticeship
- Enrollment: DOL awarded the first YouthBuild grants in October 2007. As of December 31, 2008, 4,937 youth were enrolled in 107 YouthBuild programs across the country.
- The YouthBuild program uses the Youth Common Measures and two additional measures: retention in a placement and recidivism. These are long-term measures and ETA will not have significant data on these measures until October 2009 and in some cases not until October 2010.

Charting Program Performance

Performance Measure	Quarter Ending 12/31/08	Program Year to Date
Placement in Employment or Education *	20%	19%
Attainment of a Degree or Certificate *	9%	26%
Literacy and Numeracy Attainment *	8%	17%

* Due to the long-term nature of these performance measures, the data in this chart is based on the very few participants that have reached at least one year since enrollment and/or have exited the program.

Note: The information provided in the chart is preliminary data from the Web-based Case Management and Performance System. System problems in the calculation of these performance measures have been identified and are being corrected so this data is subject to change. Information is collected quarterly.

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

A new round of PY2009 YouthBuild grants is expected to be announced in Summer 2009.