

YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM SCOPE

To create an environment for youth that is safe and nurturing where young people from diverse backgrounds can learn, develop, and prosper through education and job training. A place that provides a partnership between youth and staff that offers leadership development, skill development, builds self-esteem, and provides positive relationship building through mentoring and transitional services. Key objectives work to build community and next generation by empowering youth to maximize both personal and educational potential for post-secondary opportunities and link career development that will gain higher wages upon successful completion of the program.

Program Description

A premier provider in youth development and the delivery of educational and career related services, to include training related support services, stackable credentialing, job placement, and post-secondary education opportunities for at-risk youth.

The PPEP YouthBuild Tucson program offers a specialized environment for at-risk youth that are homeless, dropouts, and unemployed. Services are supportive, interactive, and responsive to the identified needs of participants and lead to gainful employment through education credentialing, community service, on the job training, and mentoring. The program works to help youth achieve their GED, develop necessary soft skills, and move toward entry and attainment of postsecondary credentials needed to qualify for entry level careers paying a living wage.

The YouthBuild program is designed to offer high school drop outs between the ages of 16 and 24, a supportive environment designed to assist them in identifying personal life and career goals as they earn their GED and participate in Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training. Through PPEP's partnership with YouthBuild USA, the YouthBuild program also incorporates community service activities/projects through an AmeriCorps program contract for quarter time education awards, to offer students postsecondary education scholarships upon program completion and the completion of their AmeriCorps hours.

The following is a scope of work for the YouthBuild Program.

- Develop a comprehensive Education and Employment plan
- Help youth develop a personal life plan that identifies goals and objectives
- Help youth identify career choices and understand the current job market data gathered by PPEP Employment and Training staff
- Enroll youth in GED classes
- Enroll Youth in NCCER credentialing classes
- Enroll Youth in AmeriCorps
- Determining which postsecondary partners are a fit for their education and career goals
- Assist students in gaining any education needed prior to enrollment

- Help with preparation for entry testing
- Help with FASFA applications for funding and scholarship opportunities
- Act as a liaison with partner institutions to insure that YouthBuild students are offered full assistance in getting acclimated to the college environment
- Set up college orientation classes and University tours
- Maintaining contact with graduates and offering assistance as they progress through secondary education
- Provide resume writing, mock interviews, and other necessary components in achieving work related opportunities
- Assist with job placement, both part-time during their college career and full time once they graduate