



Across the nation, young people are transforming their lives and rebuilding their communities. They are graduating from school, supporting their families, and restoring their neighborhoods.

YouthBuild serves 16- to 24-year-old men and women in Chittenden and Washington counties who are ready to take responsibility for their learning.

Youth are trained in construction skills while building affordable housing, learning energy efficiency skills, and working alongside certified instructors. Students engage in an interdisciplinary classroom curriculum and complete over 675 hours of community service.

ReSOURCE's YouthBuild participants have the opportunity to graduate with their high school diploma, and earn certificates in OSHA10, NCCER, and First Aid/CPR Training.

While successfully enrolled in YouthBuild, participants are co-enrolled as AmeriCorps members and receive a bi-weekly financial stipend along with a Segal Education Award of \$2,200 upon completion.

The nationwide network of YouthBuild programs is linked together and supported by YouthBuild USA, a national nonprofit organization founded in 1990.



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Mission Statement:

ReSOURCE's mission is to meet community and individual needs through **(1)** education and job skills training, **(2)** environmental stewardship, and **(3)** economic opportunities.

ReSOURCE is an EOE. Services to individuals with disabilities are available upon request.



Are You Ready for
CHANGE?



Enroll in ReSOURCE YouthBuild and take the next step!

Serving Chittenden and Washington Counties, with offices in Burlington and Barre.

The ReSOURCE YouthBuild Program

YouthBuild participants spend 6 to 24 months in the program, dividing their time between the construction site and the YouthBuild alternative classroom. Because a comprehensive approach is called for, the YouthBuild program has inevitably become a number of things at once:



Alternative school: Students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while preparing for vocational school or college. The curriculum integrates academics with life skills. Classes are small, allowing one-on-one attention to students.

Job training program: Students build sound work habits as well as decision-making and time-management skills. They develop career plans and prepare for job interviews. At the job site they receive training from qualified construction instructors.

Community service program: Fifty YouthBuild programs in 21 states (including Vermont) engage more than 2,000 low-income young people each year to serve as YouthBuild AmeriCorps members. Upon enrollment of ReSOURCE YouthBuild, students are enrolled in AmeriCorps as part-time members. Upon graduation from YouthBuild, students earn a generous education award to further their education and training.

Leadership development program: Participants learn to advocate for issues that concern them and their communities, and to take responsibility for themselves and their families. Students share in the governance of their own program through an elected policy committee.

Counseling program: Counseling and referrals are offered to address issues such as child care, transportation, or substance abuse. Students are assigned a counselor, whom they meet with regularly.

Long-term mini-community: Graduates have access to resources and support to assist them as they advance their careers, go to college, build assets, and become role models.

Preparing for the Job Market

Developing Green Building Construction and Weatherization Job Skills

While enrolled in ReSOURCE YouthBuild, participants develop essential green building and weatherization skills to help prepare them for the workforce and make them more marketable for employment once they graduate.

Green building is a comprehensive approach to constructing and renovating buildings that conserves the earth's natural resources and protects human health.

Green building is achieved by incorporating into the design and construction of a house or other building a variety of techniques that save energy, use nontoxic and recycled materials, conserve water and wood, improve indoor air quality, and use renewable energy technologies.

Green Building elements include:

- Lot design and preparation
- Resource efficiency
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Water efficiency
- Indoor environmental quality
- Waste reduction and recycling



YouthBuild's Weatherization training teaches the basics of home weatherization including:

- Air Sealing
- Moisture Management
- Insulation
- Home Energy Efficiency
- Introduction to Home Energy Audits, including blower door/infrared camera

The Opportunities YouthBuild has Given Me

By Jerry Ryan - YouthBuild Graduate

I feel proud of whom I am and what I believe in, but it couldn't of been possible without YouthBuild and all the staff behind the scene.

From the ages of 6 to 15, I was in foster care. Being away from my mother really hurt me. I had all this built up anger and tension towards my mother. My way of releasing all that tension was by using drugs.

I never really had a father figure in my life so I was easily influenced. I followed the wrong crowd of people and landed myself in jail for two years. I had two years to think about what I wanted to do with my life.

When I was released from jail, I was ready to make some changes. I changed the way I talked, who I chose for friends, and I stayed clean from drugs.

Within weeks of my release from jail, I found a brochure on YouthBuild. It sounded great. After a few phone calls and a interview, I knew this program would help me to become a productive member of society.

In YouthBuild, I have made a lot of progress towards getting my high school diploma. I have given back to my community by being an AmeriCorps member and doing service for people in struggle.

My favorite thing about YouthBuild is all the friendly and supportive staff. Without their help I couldn't have done this. I found who I am as a person and where I want to go in life.

YouthBuild has given me opportunities to get certified in LEAD, weatherization, and Osha 10 safety. With these papers I will have a great start on my chosen carrier.

Without the structure of YouthBuild (and the love of my Gram), I don't think I would be here today. I have one wish and that is for YouthBuild to be here forever, for all the struggling youth who are (were) lost like me, to give them the same chance I have.

