

What is YouthBuild?

Youth Build is a comprehensive youth and community development program. It addresses several of the core issues facing low-income communities such as: education, housing, employment, and leadership development.

YouthBuild attempts to build a productive future for young men and women whom have dropped out of school. The program hopes to attain this goal by providing a way for students to simultaneously serve their communities. The several programs inside of YouthBuild are:

- Community Service Program
- Alternative School
- Job Training/Pre-Apprenticeship Program
- Leadership Program

Qualifications

- Male or Female age 18-24
- Resident of East St. Louis, Alorton, Centreville, Caholeia Brooklyn, Washington Park, Venice or Madison
- High School Drop Out
- Have a GED/High School Diploma with a deficiency.



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Tomorrows Builders YouthBuild Program

*“You See Their Whole
Attitude Change, They
Become a Full
Person” — Ceola
Davis, Founder of
EPDC.*



**A Non-Profit Neighborhood Association and
Community Development Corporation of East St.
Louis**

‘Mental Toughness & Workin’ it Out’ Programs

This is a four week pre-selection screening program, including physical exercise, drug testing, life skills, testing, training program, and orientation. The “Mental Toughness” is the first step in the YouthBuild program. The program hopes to help the students attain “mental toughness” to prepare for employment. Once selected it offers trainees a GED program and apprentice training in specific skilled trades.

YouthBuild Philosophy

“ The positive energy and intelligence of young people should be liberated and enlisted in solving problems facing our society. Young men and women in low-income communities want to help revitalize their neighborhood and will do so if given the opportunity. The desire to do meaningful work is universal .

Community-based organizations need to mobilize people, including neighborhood youth.”

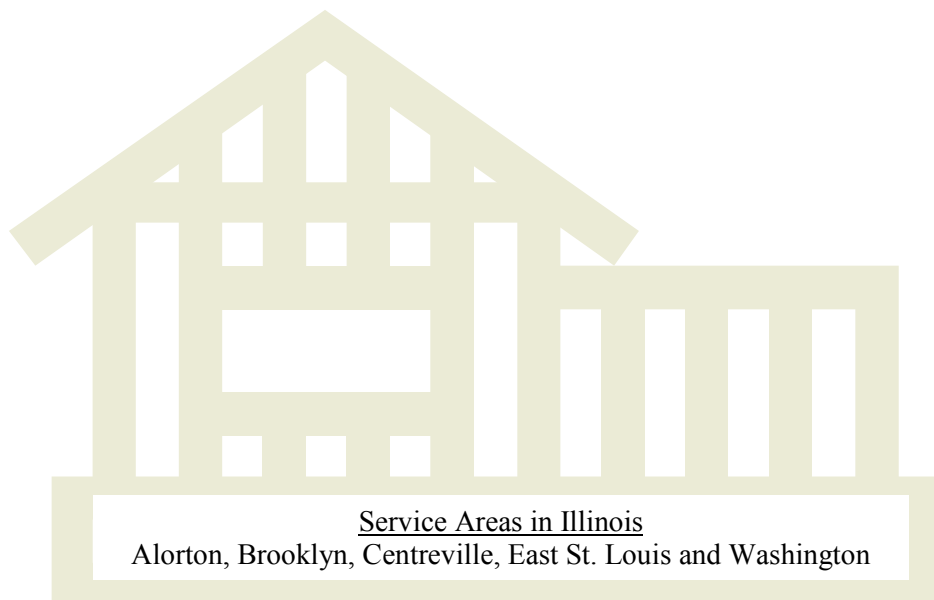
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Major Accomplishments

- Illinois Department of Transportation (Highway Flagger Trainer Certification)
- Maintain Drug-Free Status
- OSHA, CPR, and First Aid Training
- Rehab several homes in Emerson Park
- HUD Best Practice 2000 Award
- Placement of Graduates in
- Carpenters Local 169 Union

Goals

- Earn your GED
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Become Work-Ready, Drug Free, and Employable
- Obtain Construction Trades Training and Certification to Enter Local Building Trade Unions
- Get Job Placement Assistance



Service Areas in Illinois

Alorton, Brooklyn, Centreville, East St. Louis and Washington