



Youth Career Development Project

Developed by the Region 1 Workforce Partnership

The Youth Career Development Project (YCDP) is a massive undertaking designed to enhance job and life skills of 1100 youth in this region. It will also provide a significant boost to their education. Functioning as a hurricane-recovery effort, this project will assist in **rebuilding several communities in the Greater New Orleans area**. Two proven national organizations, YouthBuild and CorpsNetwork, will help lead the way by engaging employers, teachers, counselors, construction managers, and supervisors—so that our young people will have solid, meaningful employment and a future to build on. YouthBuild and CorpsNetwork will take steps to get court-involved youth back on the right track and ready for the job market.

Participants will begin with good jobs averaging minimum wage or slightly above. When they graduate, they will be expected to get permanent jobs, paying at least \$8.00/hr. or to continue on to a higher level of training or education. This means **MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY** for those who enroll. Read on and apply to one of our programs **NOW!**

About YouthBuild

YouthBuild is a youth and community-development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In YouthBuild programs, young people ages 16-24 work toward their GEDs or high-school diplomas, learn job skills, and serve their communities by building affordable housing. Take a look below at the great YouthBuild programs.

YouthBuild Helping Hands (Orleans)

As a branch of Catholic Charities, this program will enlist the services of those 18-24 in the Gentilly area by rebuilding homes and public facilities damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

To apply, call Pamela Pittman at 504-214-8013.

YouthWorks (Orleans)

This ambitious project of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, located Uptown, will focus on keeping young people out of the court system, through the many counseling services it already operates. The majority of its building and rebuilding projects will be chosen and implemented through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and HANO.

To apply, call John Henry at 504-701-6443.

Youth Rebuild Louisiana (Jefferson)

With operations on both sides of the Mississippi River, the Hope Center's participants will be rebuilding their communities. The Hope Center specializes in acquiring the help of several different kinds of counselors and counseling programs—designed to focus on careers, mental health, addictive disorders, and crisis counseling. It also helps its participants obtain several kinds of certification, including OSHA safety, mold removal, and CPR.

To apply, call Shawn Bax at 504-363-4034.

River Parishes YouthBuild (St. Charles, St. James, St. John)

The St. James Parish Department of Human Resources will partner with the Weatherization Program, doing minor repairs on affordable homes. Participants will then be encouraged to enroll in yet another great training and employment program, known as CareerStart.

To apply, call Iris Bause at 225-223-0828 or 225-562-2432.

About the Conservation Corps of Greater New Orleans (CorpsNetwork)

Graduates of our rigorous AmeriCorps program will be able to tell employers and colleagues that they have built service projects from the ground up. In just 3-4 months, participants will complete three service projects while gaining marketable, green job skills. Participants (age 16-24) will lead needs assessments, present proposals, implement projects, and formally present their results to community stakeholders. They will learn the skills necessary to launch a new career—and get paid while doing it. Graduates will also receive an AmeriCorps Education Award of up to \$1,250.

If you are 16-24 years old, and you've not yet had significant work experience, we hope you'll apply to one of our programs. Make the difference you want to see in your community. Serve as an AmeriCorps member through CCGNO. Check out this list and decide.

City of Hope (St. Bernard)

GET PAID. GET SKILLS. GET AHEAD. GET PAID for on-the-job training and earn a scholarship. GET SKILLS while rebuilding St. Bernard Parish's homes, parks, community projects and lives, working in a high-growth industry that is good for you and the environment. GET AHEAD in a creative new way by earning and learning from the AmeriCorps model.

To apply, email Keith Stone at Keith@City-of-Hope.net or call 504-473-7092.

Kedila Family Learning Center (Orleans)

Interested in designing and implementing a service project that revitalizes New Orleans? With service projects that meet local needs for construction, deconstruction and computer/technology, you will be able to build the skills and self-confidence you need for a great career.

To apply, email Dipo Mosadomi at dipo@kedila.org or call 504-723-8831.

LA Green Corps (Orleans, Jefferson, New Orleans East)

This consortium of four programs offers a variety of opportunities, including weatherization and energy conservation projects through the Alliance for Affordable Energy; deconstruction and non-profit salvage through the Old City Business Center/Mid City Neighborhood Organization; urban farming projects through the Mary Queen of Vietnam CDC. The LA Green Corps also offers landscaping and organic farming restoration projects through the Arc of Greater New Orleans, which is geared toward adults with intellectual disabilities.

For enrollment information for all programs, call the Arc at 504-837-5105.

Limitless Vistas, Inc. (Orleans)

This project provides an opportunity to receive certification as an Environmental Field Technician (EFT). Through Limitless Vistas, young men and women will build 21st-century skills for careers in the green economy. Participants will be able to make their community green, while earning a lot of green.

To apply, call 504-529-4301..

Tri-Parish Restoration Corps (St. Charles, St. James, St. John)

The Tri-Parish chapter of the Conservation Corps provides supportive services that address a wide range of needs for young adults. We empower youth of the River Parishes with opportunities to receive their GED or advanced education certification, become engaged in their communities through service learning, develop stronger life skills, and gain valuable job skills in the green economy, while getting paid to do it!

To apply, call 225-562-2338.

Recovery School District (Orleans)

By partnering with leaders in the New Orleans business, government, and non-profit communities, RSD offers students an opportunity to learn valuable skills, begin internships, and build careers while still in school.