Northeast Parent & Child Society
YouthBuild Schenectady
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About Northeast Parent & Child Society
Since 1888, Northeast Parent & Child Society has provided an
array of residential, special education, family foster care, children's
mental health, family preservation, and career development
programs to more than 100,000 troubled children and families in
18 counties in the greater Capital Region.

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Overview of YouthBuild

YouthBuild Schenectady is a 12-month program that helps young adults ages 18-24 from Schenectady County earn a GED while getting paid to build affordable housing. Participants receive six months of classroom instruction and onsite construction training and six months of job placement and support services.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Citizens Bank Foundation, Schenectady County Community College, Schenectady County Job Training Agency, and Better Neighborhoods, Inc.

Services

* Hands-on construction training
* Construction certification
* GED classes at Schenectady County Community College
* Leadership development
* Career development
* Opportunities to attend college and participate in advanced training programs
* Computer training

In addition to rebuilding homes in their own community, YouthBuild Schenectady participants have traveled to Gulfport to rebuild housing destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, represented the program at national conferences, and earned AmeriCorps education vouchers for community service to pay for post-secondary education.

Referrals

The following eligible youth are encouraged to call the program:

* Young adults ages 18-24 willing to make a yearlong commitment
* High school dropouts
* Members of low-income families

* Residents of Schenectady County, especially from the Hamilton Hill/Vale neighborhoods

How to Get Started

1. Attend a group information session.
2. Complete an application package.
3. Take a Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE).
4. Complete an interview with YouthBuild Schenectady staff.

Benefits

YouthBuild Schenectady provides:

* Paid training
* Stipends for meals, transportation, volunteerism, and post-secondary education
* Alternative education options
* Job placement
* A supportive environment