In 2013, YouthBuild grantees began to implement the Construction Plus component, which allows for training in additional in-demand industries beyond construction. Since the inception of Construction Plus, over 81 YouthBuild grantees have integrated this component into their YouthBuild program design. Whether Construction Plus is a new program component or has been a part of the YouthBuild program for a number of grant cycles, it is imperative that YouthBuild grantees develop quality training pathways that align with effective practices such as hands-on work experience, support industry needs, and develop career pathways of youth participants through quality placements in advanced training and/or employment.

During this webinar, Jenn Smith provided an overview of what Construction Plus is and isn’t, and Consuela Greene provided an overview of the Construction Plus framework for pre-apprenticeship, and identified key considerations for program alignment with the framework. Shawn Nicholson and Larry Fisher from Pathways in Petersburg, VA shared about their peer experience with implementing a Construction Plus program in Manufacturing and shared promising program practices.