

ABOUT US

YouthBuild Just A Start is a free full-time, youth workforce development program

As a proud member of YouthBuild Global and the Massachusetts YouthBuild Coalition, YouthBuild Just A Start empowers young people to reclaim their education, gain job skills, and become community leaders. We define students by their potential, offering mentorship, counseling, and support. Utilizing positive youth development and trauma-informed practices, we provide wraparound services and academic and career training.



"YouthBuild Just A Start gave us the tools, now it's up to us to build the rest."

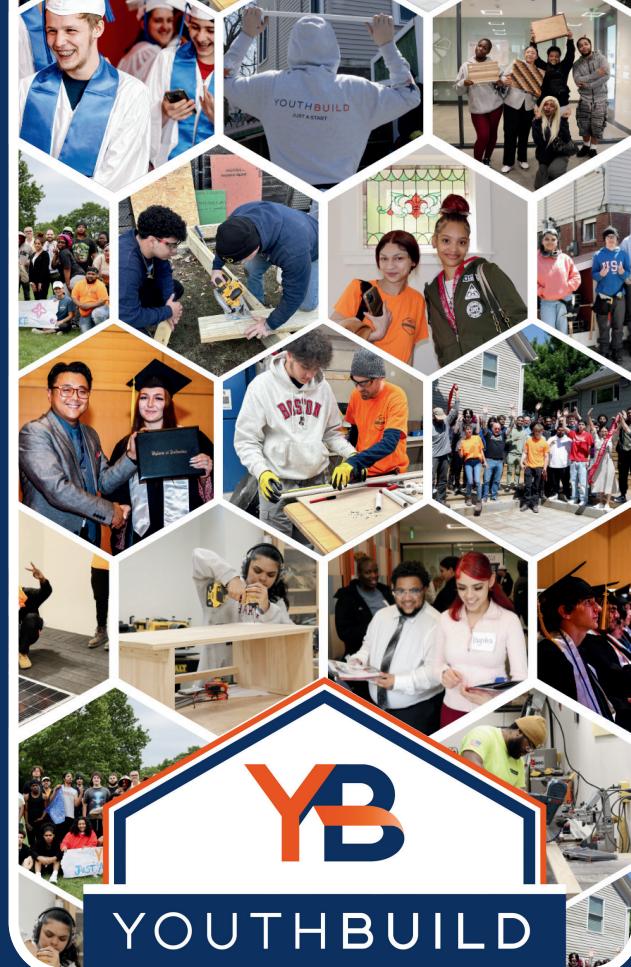
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**BUILDING BRIGHTER
FUTURES TOGETHER
AT YOUTHBUILD
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WE PROVIDE

By becoming part of our free 10-12 month program, students receive:

Academics

Improve your academic skills with **personalized support**, including small class sizes (10:1) and one-on-one tutoring, high school equivalency preparation, and college pathway support.

Career & College Preparation

Gain real-world experience through tracks in **Construction and Retail Entrepreneurship** while earning industry-recognized credentials. Tour worksites and colleges, and receive support with the job and college application process.



Counseling & Case Management

Our counseling team facilitates Life Skills classes and provides services in **support of your overall well-being**. Receive additional support with court advocacy and goal setting. We can also provide referrals to community services and resources as needed.

Alumni Services

Beyond graduation, you can access **12 months of follow-up services**, including job search help, apprenticeships, alumni programs, and entry into advanced opportunities like our Solar Training Program.

Leadership Development

Make a difference through our **Youth Policy Council**, shape YouthBuild programming through the **Alumni Advisory Board**, and participate in community service, civic engagement, and events like State House Day.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!
Students receive a stipend while building skills for their future.

ELIGIBILITY

Who and where we support



You may be eligible if you:

- Are 16-24 years old
- Are a U.S. citizen or work-authorized
- Live in Boston's Metro North area
- Left high school before graduating or need support after earning your diploma

APPLY TODAY!

Our 10-12 month program runs twice a year, with enrollment periods in February-March and August-September. Scan the QR code to learn more.

