YOUTHBUILD'S IMPACT

Education
Compared to a motivated control group receiving other services, YouthBuild results in a:

- 31% increase in college enrollment.
- 51% increase in vocational school enrollment.
- 78% increase in GED attainment.
- 76% increase in volunteerism, with 54% of students volunteering.

Employment

- 61% of all enrollees were placed in either employment or postsecondary education immediately following the program.
- 74% of those placed retained their placements for at least six months.

Recidivism

- YouthBuild’s recidivism rate is only 7% within one year of enrollment.

YOUTHBUILD'S RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Reducing Government Dependency

- YouthBuild students are less likely to rely on government benefits just 30 months after starting the program, when compared to a motivated control group receiving other services.

Lifetime Return on Investment

- One year of YouthBuild funding at $84.5 million (current level) results in an estimated $1.3 billion in lifetime savings from taxes, crime, health, and welfare.
- Every $1 spent on YouthBuild results in an estimated fiscal return on investment of over $10.

Sources: