

## 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**.

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