



Home Builders Institute

The Workforce Development Arm of the National Association of Home Builders



HBI/HUD Partnership

HBI and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Youthbuild Program have teamed up to offer thousands of low income youth access to industry- sponsored vocational training and the opportunity to build a career in residential construction.

About Youthbuild

HUD's Youthbuild program provides economically disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain education, employment skills, and on-site work experience. The program also works to expand the supply of affordable housing for homeless, low-, and very low-income persons. Youthbuild participants are able to put their newly acquired skills to good use by rehabilitating and building housing for low-income and homeless persons in their community.

Program

HBI, with its subcontractor, Abt Associates Inc. (Abt), received a 3-year grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to provide technical support to Youthbuild grantees in all areas of training in the residential construction trades. HBI's technical assistance will include:

- Establishing reliable connections between Youthbuild and members of the home building industry.
- Developing a teaching curriculum for construction trades training, including use of HBI's Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) curriculum and *Residential Construction Academy's* (RCA) educational materials.
- Training instructors to effectively use the curriculum and prepare participants for jobs in the home building industry.
- Ensuring students who complete the program are prepared to work at a construction site, while developing relevant industry, leadership and communication skills.
- Updating current tracking and evaluation procedures to ensure students are benefiting from the training and program expectations are met.
- Creating and maintaining a user-friendly web-based resource center where students can enhance their learning and search for jobs.

Industry Support

- Industry validated Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT)
- Involvement by home builder association (HBA) members in skills training
- Identification of a broad range of job and career strands for program graduates
- Integration of contextually based academic and 'soft skills' using HBI's *Foundations-CraftMath* and *CommuniCraft* and the Personal Employment Program

About HBI

Home Builders Institute, the workforce development arm of the 220,000 member National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), promotes the home building industry as a career and helps address its workforce needs through trades training and job placement programs. For additional information or to arrange Technical Assistance for your Youthbuild program contact:

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