

VOACC Youth Build Director's Corner

February 2021



Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success” Henry Ford

Happy New Year YouthBuild Family. The program is back in operations after taking some time over the Holiday to connect with family. It is time to continue the preparation for future trades training and Workforce Development.

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is the focused training curriculum for the YouthBuild students. This is the credentialing body for the NCCER Level 1 certification. The NCCER Level 1 certification training is part of the required training for many companies' apprenticeship programs. Newport News residents interested in entering this industry will get assistance by getting a foot-in-the-door to a helper or apprentice position. Instruction will cover topics such as Orientation to the Electrical Trade, Electrical Safety, Electrical Circuits, Electrical Theory, National Electrical Code, Device Boxes, Raceways, Fittings, Conduit, Conductors and Cables, Fasteners and Anchors, Basic Electrical Construction Drawings.

COHORT 1 have completed both Level 1 Carpentry and Plumbing. YouthBuild students continue to receive highly qualified training which illustrates design, technical hints and tips from industry experts, review questions and a whole lot more! Key content includes: Orientation to the Trade; Building Materials, Fasteners, and Adhesives; Hand and Power Tools; Introduction to Construction Drawings, Specifications, and Layout; Floor Systems; Wall Systems; Ceiling Joist and Roof framing; Basic Stair Layout; Introduction to Building Envelope Systems.

Newport News YouthBuild COHORT 2 have completed Bootcamp and one week of NCCER CORE training. The NCCER CORE training course is a prerequisite to all other NCCER Level 1 craft curriculum in construction and industrial occupations such as carpentry, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, welding, drywall, and construction craft laborer. The NCCER standardized curricula introduces basic skills for obtaining and retaining industrial employment, including an introduction to hand tools, power tools, construction drawings, basic communication skills, basic safety, and basic employability skills. This certification-training course provides the foundational skills needed to continue entry-level education in any skilled-craft.



The program is currently recruiting for COHORT 3 which has a scheduled orientation during the week of **February 22 – 26 at Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center** (<https://www.nnva.gov/2506/Brooks-Crossing>).

The Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center (BCIOC) is a new facility in the Southeast Community of Newport News, open to all, offering training and job seeking opportunities. The result of collaboration between Newport News

Shipbuilding, Old Dominion University and the City of Newport News, BCIOC brings together shipyard workers, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Outreach and Workforce Development. The STEM Digital Innovation & Fabrication Lab is an instructional hub for STEM learning driven by team building and collaboration allowing opportunities for students and people of all ages, abilities, and disciplines to learn by designing creative solutions to real-world problems. It is the first and only lab of its kind in Virginia. The Brooks Crossing Opportunity Center is a centralized hub for customized, flexible, comprehensive, and innovative approaches to career awareness, skills development, wealth building, support services, and case management.

Upcoming Events:

- COHORT 3 Orientation – February 22 - 26
- Industry/Career Week – March 8 - 12
- CASTONE Exercise – March 22 - 26

Certifications:

- NCCER Level 1
 - Carpentry
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- CPR
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

The following are other services which are provided for YouthBuild students:

- GED classes
- Case Management
- Community Outreach
- Transportation for training
- Housing referrals
- Budgeting classes
- Interviewing classes
- Dress for success classes
- Job interviewing techniques
- Behind the Wheel training
- Assistance with DMV appointment
- Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance referrals and consultation
- Job Fairs and industry connections for employment with local businesses
- Leadership Development

Special Recognition(s)

Birthdays:

- Taijalon Smith 12/7
- Yavin Johnson 12/16
- Shaylynn Diaz 1/5
- Kyle Douglas 1/6
- Naajee Walton 1/7
- A'shon Livingston 1/21

Student(s) of the Month:

January:

- Daryl Thomas – COHORT 1
- Najee Walton – COHORT 2

If this sounds like the program for you schedule for a Facility tour at the telephone listed and visit our website:

<https://www.voachesapeake.org/youthbuild>

Adios familia:

Feliz Año Nuevo y ora 2021 trae muchas bendiciones y prosperidad en tu Vida.

“Happy New Year and pray 2021 bring many blessings and prosperity in your Life..”

Blessings to all....

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