Youth Build Grand Rapids is a seven-month program for young adults, 18-24 years old, motivated to change their lives.

It offers GED/High School Diploma assistance, vocational training, and personal development.

Participants work toward obtaining their GED and learning job skills while building affordable housing for low-income families in Kent County. A strong emphasis is placed on leadership qualities, life experience, and community service.

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A STRONG FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION

EARN YOUR GED OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
- Blended virtual education and instructor lead classes
- Additional tutoring and study groups
- GED pre-testing
- Education plans tailored to each student’s individual needs
- All testing costs are covered by Youth Build

HOW TO APPLY:
TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:
- Have a passion and commitment to better yourself and learn new skills
- Commit to seven months of daily education and training and twelve months of follow-up and support services
- Be between the ages of 18-24 years old
- Be considered a low income resident of Kent County
- Provide a copy of social security card, birth certificate, and a picture ID; as well as other required documentation

REFERRAL AND CONTACT
Participants must complete an application, meet eligibility requirements, complete the two weeks of Mental Toughness, and interview with program staff.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION, CONTACT YOUTH BUILD AT 616.284.3283 OR YOUTHSERVICES@BETHANY.ORG

RECEIVE VALUABLE TRAINING IN CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE HOME BUILDERS INSTITUTE:
- Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training, first aid, and CPR certification
- Components in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, landscaping, masonry, plumbing, facility maintenance, deconstruction, remodeling, and green construction
- Students will be able to hone their skills while remodeling a home that will be used for youth housing

GAIN HELPFUL EXPERIENCE TO BETTER YOURSELF AND ENSURE FUTURE SUCCESS:
- Employment services, job coaching, resume building, and interview strategies
- Assistance with furthering education, accessing financial aid, college enrollment, and career planning
- Money management
- Healthy decision making
- Job placement
- Leadership development

STEPS IN THE PROGRAM
- An intensive, two-week “try out” and orientation called Mental Toughness.
- A 28-week education and construction component that provides both classroom-based (academic/occupational instruction) and practical experience while building homes at a construction site.
- Employability training, along with leadership development, job shadowing, apprenticeships, and job placement.
- 12 months of post-program follow-up services to ensure students are successful with their newly developed skills.