**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

**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.

**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

**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

**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
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