

Executive Summary

Incorporating National Service into Your Construction Plus Programming and Placement Strategy

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During this webinar, presenters from the AmeriCorps team at YouthBuild USA provided context for, and shared the benefits of, embedding service into your Construction Plus (C+) pathways. We looked specifically at how to help participants apply learned knowledge and skills to address unmet community needs through service. In addition, we discussed the benefits of having full-time national service placements as a bridge to a post-secondary education and career opportunities for YouthBuild participants.

The webinar walked participants through why service should be included in C+ pathways and how to successfully integrate service into a C+ track. Presenters provided examples of grantees who have successfully incorporated service into their existing C+ pathways and will highlight how this has benefitted program participants. Jerry Farley, Director at YouthBuild Dayton County Corp, discussed how their program has integrated service experience opportunities into their healthcare pathway.

The presentation concluded with an overview of the value of Full-Time National Service placements, which count as a DOL placement under the continuing training outcome of education. This section explained the opportunity that full-time service presents for skill development and job readiness training, increased social capital, and additional pathways to post-secondary education and family-sustaining careers.

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