

Enrolling Pre-YouthBuild Students in the YouthBuild Mentoring Program

Because many YouthBuild students in the eligible age range for National Mentoring Alliance funds participate in what are known as “pre-YouthBuild” programs, YouthBuild USA will allow their participation so long as they and the YouthBuild program meet the following criteria.

Students in pre-YouthBuild programs and YouthBuild charter schools are eligible to be counted as part of the OJJDP National Mentoring Alliance grants under these conditions:

1. YouthBuild values of respect, leadership development, opportunity, community-building, and holistic programming are embedded in the pre-YouthBuild program or YouthBuild charter school.
2. Pre-YouthBuild students are involved in formal decision making and governance through a mechanism such as a policy committee.
3. The staff teaches, or otherwise relates to, the YouthBuild students and pre-YouthBuild or YouthBuild charter school students.
4. All staff in pre-YouthBuild programs and YouthBuild charter schools will get the same training in best practices of mentoring as all YouthBuild staff.
5. The YouthBuild program will make a 15-month commitment to each match, whether in YouthBuild, pre-YouthBuild, or a YouthBuild charter school. If a pre-YouthBuild student transitions to YouthBuild in the course of the 15 months, support for the match is maintained. In other words, the 15-month clock starts when the formal match begins.
6. Each mentee in the pre-YouthBuild or YouthBuild charter school will develop and use a YouthBuild Life Plan (or equivalent) as the cornerstone of the mentoring relationship.
7. The three assessments (pre-match, at graduation or completion, and the end of 15 months) will be administered to each mentee in pre-YouthBuild or YouthBuild charter school.
8. All data will be collected and submitted for all matches in pre-YouthBuild and YouthBuild charter school, as for YouthBuild matches.