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**Now Co-Sponsored by NYCID:**

## **Expanding Opportunities for SI Youth**

We're excited to announce that YouthBuild IMPACT is now co-sponsored by the New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID). NYCID is a renowned nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a wide range of programs designed to improve the lives of opportunity youth and families. They focus on education, workforce development, and holistic support services, helping young people navigate challenges, build essential skills, and create pathways to success. By teaming up with NYCID, we're greatly enhancing our ability to reach more opportunity youth. This partnership allows YouthBuild IMPACT to leverage NYCID's knowledge and resources in community development, program implementation, and youth support services.

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## **YouthBuild Awarded \$1.5 Million Dollars**

YouthBuild IMPACT has been awarded a \$1.5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Labor through the New York Center of Interpersonal Development (NYCID)! This funding ensures that we can continue our work in 2025, providing young people with the support, skills, and opportunities they need to succeed. It's a huge milestone for our program, and we're incredibly grateful to the US DOL for their confidence in our work. With this grant, we will enhance our education training and reach even more youth who are eager to build a brighter future. We're looking forward to what's ahead and the continued positive impact we can make together!

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## **Congresswoman Malliotakis Inspires Students**



Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis recently visited The Central Family Life Center, Inc. and during her visit reaffirmed her strong support for the YouthBuild program and expressed happiness in continuing to champion its mission. She also shared her enthusiasm for meeting YouthBuild students in Washington, D.C. and learning firsthand about their transformative experiences in the program. Lastly, she encouraged them to continue pursuing their goals and giving back to their communities.

## Two Paths, One Foundation:

### The Success Stories of YouthBuild Graduates



Ariah, 20, and Makaila, 19, are two inspiring young women who recently achieved their high school equivalency by earning their GEDs through YouthBuild. Ariah, originally from Virginia, moved to New York with the goal of earning her HSE and seeking career guidance. In just three months, she



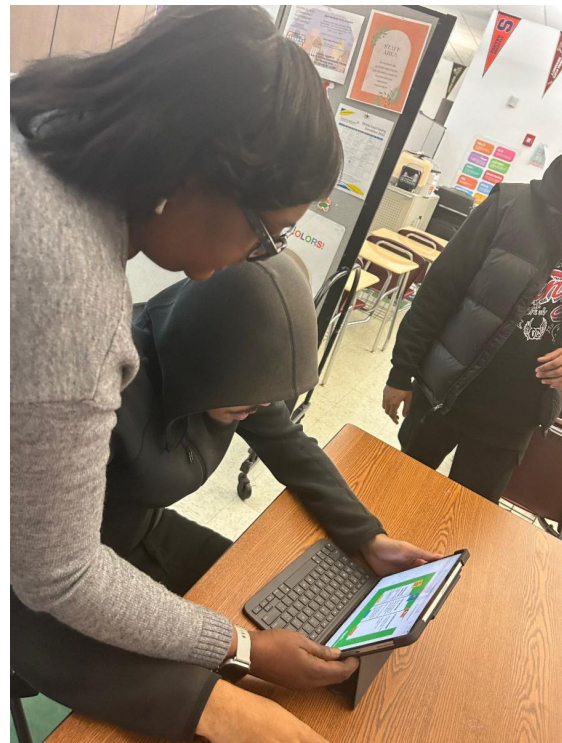
Throughout their time at YouthBuild IMPACT, Ariah and Makaila gained more than just academic success. They participated in programs like MyPath MyMoney, voter registration drives, and the People's Money initiative, learning valuable life skills to help them succeed in the future. Both women credit

passed all four GED exams and now has her sights set on becoming an NYPD officer. Makaila, a Staten Island native, also completed her GED in the same timeframe and is currently at Job Corps in Albany, training to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. After Job Corps, Makaila plans to attend college to become a pediatrician. Both students worked tirelessly during their time in YouthBuild, balancing GED classes, training, and community service, while forming a strong bond of friendship along the way.

YouthBuild for the guidance, opportunities, and confidence they've gained and continue to stay involved, working with the career developer and case manager as they navigate their next steps. We are proud of their accomplishments and grateful for the support they've received, Ariaah and Makaila are proof that dedication and a strong support system can lead to life-changing success.



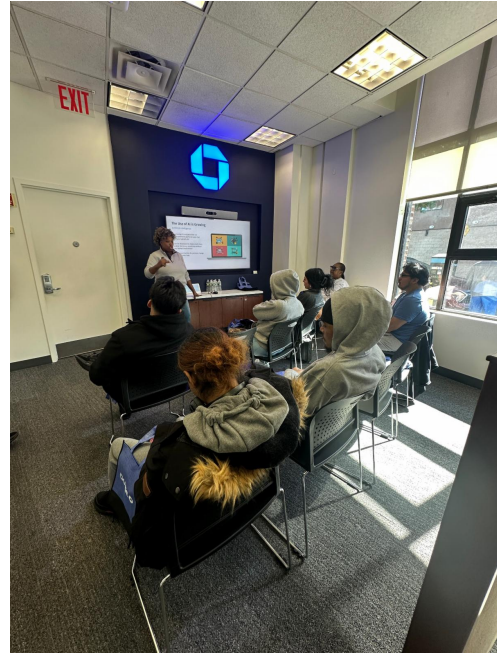
## Financial Education



Our program was granted a two-year contract with the MyPath My Money program. The program helps equip young people with important financial skills that will help them gain financial independence and confidence. It also helps them understand the basics of saving, budgeting, and setting long-term financial goals. Through workshops, interactive tools, and real-world practice, students will gain a better understanding on how to manage their finances for a financially strategic future.

# Financial Education

Kim Aviles, Vice President of Community Management at Chase Bank invited YouthBuild to the Bay Street Branch to introduce students to the world of banking. During their visit, students got an inside look at daily operations and client services. They also had the opportunity to open up free accounts, fostering a sense of financial independence and responsibility. They also discussed upcoming workshops offered by the bank, designed to expand their financial literacy skills and help them become better equipped for future success.



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## LAC Voter's Registration Project

YouthBuild IMPACT collaborated with the Literacy Assistance Center (LAC), youth serving organizations, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Alpha Beta Pi Omega Chapter and members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to mobilize young voters for the 2024 election. Together, we focused on empowering young adults by providing them with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to participate actively in the electoral process.



Through a series of community-based educational workshops and outreach events, YouthBuild students and staff discussed the voting processes and emphasized the importance of civic engagement. The initiative also included critical Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts, such as text banking and in-person voter registration drives, resulting in more than 25,000 direct contacts made across New York City. Notably, 2,300 young voters

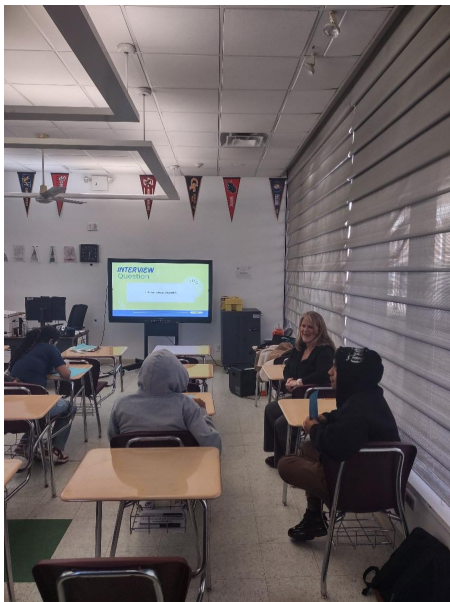


were engaged and educated about their voting rights and responsibilities, many for the first time.

Our YouthBuild students not only learned about their own civic power but also helped to lead the charge in spreading information to their peers. By taking ownership of these outreach and educational initiatives, YouthBuild students strengthened their leadership skills, increased their civic awareness, and built a sense of community responsibility.

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## COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM (CAPP)



Students participated in the Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) program offered by the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Staten Island University Hospital. The program provides information on sexual and reproductive health. Paige Frothingham, a skilled educator led a series of workshops filled with interactive activities, games, and open discussions. Through these sessions, our students learned about healthy relationships, contraception, consent, and making informed choices.

The hands-on approach made the learning process engaging and allowed students to ask questions in a comfortable space. This experience was invaluable, helping them build confidence and giving them the tools to make healthier decisions in the future. We're grateful for this partnership and excited about the positive impact it's already having on our students.

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# Candidate Forum



Recently, YouthBuild students gained valuable insights into the political process by attending the Staten Island Coalition of Black Led Community Based Organizations Candidate Forum. They had the opportunity to meet and speak with State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton, engaging in meaningful conversations about her plans and priorities. In addition, the students connected with other candidates asking questions and discussing key issues while broadening their awareness of each of their platforms. They also learned about several key ballot propositions set to appear on the November ballot, gaining insight into the potential impact of these measures on their community. Overall, this experience offered a valuable opportunity for the students to engage with the democratic process and develop an informed perspective on local governance.

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