

SAVANNAH PRE-APPRENTICE PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Savannah Pre-Apprentice Program provides academic assistance, life skills development, and job skills training to City of Savannah and Chatham County youth 14 - 17 years old through a seven summer week program. The program incorporates the apprenticeship concept of hands-on training, mentorship and academic instruction, career development, and leadership development intervention.

Participants served by this program:

❖ Savannah-Chatham In/Out
of School Youth

❖ Youth in Community
Supervision Agencies

PRIORITY GOAL

To provide opportunities for at-risk youth to improve their math and reading skills and gain job readiness skills that will lead to sustainable employment.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide basic math and reading instruction
- To provide training through the National Association of Home Builders - Home Builder Institute's Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) curriculum
- To provide life skill development to include conflict resolution, time management, leadership, personal health & wellness, and financial management
- To provide job readiness skills through Savannah Impact Program's Job Readiness curriculum.

PROGRAM COMPONENT

Participants will attend sessions on life skills development to include conflict resolution, time management, leadership, personal health and wellness and financial management. Participants will also visit cultural institutions including museums and theaters.



Participants will work with a certified math teacher on basic math and with a certified English Language Arts/Reading teacher. Both instructors will be hired for eight weeks. Pre and post testing to measure literacy and numeracy gains in reading and math will be facilitated by trained test administrators using the TABE test, a widely used, comprehensive and reliable basic academic skills test.

JOB SKILLS

Participants will complete courses in job readiness, job safety, CPR, and Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) in landscaping or painting & finishing sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders - Home Builder Institute's (HBI).

FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Participants will earn \$7.25 per hour for all training and work hours completed. They will receive financial literacy training and be encouraged to establish a personal savings account through a local credit union or bank.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Program management will be the responsibility of Savannah Impact Program with the involvement of the Chatham County Juvenile Court and Department of Juvenile Justice. Savannah Impact will be responsible for ensuring that program implementation and program reporting meets the approved program design and documenting areas that need improvement.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The Savannah Pre-Apprentice Program builds on connecting existing City of Savannah programs and staff including Savannah Impact Program, the Housing Department's summer rehab program, and the Citizens Office Downtown Services. All City of Savannah Bureaus are committed to engaging and mentoring program participants.

Savannah Pre-Apprentice Program proactively engages community partnerships, and collaborates with the Savannah Chamber of Commerce to incorporate local business to create on-the-job learning and job opportunities for youth participants.