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YouthBuild Program Recruiting New Participants in Petoskey Area

Information sessions July 30, August 7 and August 9

NORTHWEST MI—YouthBuild Northwest is recruiting for its next class in Petoskey, which is planned to begin in early September. Anyone interested in learning more about YouthBuild can attend any of three information sessions scheduled for July 30 at 10 a.m., August 7 at 6 p.m., or August 9 at 1 p.m. All of the information sessions will be held at the Petoskey YouthBuild office located at 1601 Standish Avenue.

YouthBuild is a national program that helps young people earn their GEDs, trains participants in construction trades, and teaches work readiness and leadership skills. Hands-on construction training takes place while building affordable housing within the community. Participants who successfully complete the program receive a nationally recognized construction trades certification.

To be eligible for participation, individuals must be 18 – 24 years of age, low income, a high school drop out or basic skills deficient, and motivated to make a positive change in their lives.

Those selected for the program will earn a stipend for participation and will learn skills that will last for a lifetime.

To learn more about the YouthBuild Program, call 231-622-8920. Applications and information are also available at the Northwest Michigan Works! Service Center, located at 2225 Summit Park Drive in Petoskey.

YouthBuild is a program of Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, operated by Northwest Michigan Works!, with grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration.

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For more information about YouthBuild Northwest, and to view videos of past programs and projects, visit nwm.org/youthbuild .

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