



The Program

To be successful in life every youth needs to develop the skills necessary to obtain and keep a good job. At the South Carolina Department of Juvenile (DJJ) it is our passion to impart life and job skills training, a positive work ethic, as well as basic hands-on experience to those youth who desire the chance to earn a living in a particular trade. One such initiative is the Carpentry program and its goals include:

- Help youth realize the importance of responsible time management skills;
- Provide experience on real world projects to improve employability potential;
- Guide youth in understanding how their decisions affect themselves and others;
- Make the transition to intermediate employment faster than if they without carpentry skills;
- Explore real life situations and perform tasks which can give back to the community in the areas of repair, maintenance, and construction.

Curriculum

The core carpentry program length is a minimum of two months or 80 hours, and includes nationally recognized texts from The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core Curriculum. Daily activities are determined by DJJ instructional staff and the program has at its core the practical proficiency assessments for the NCCER training requirements including the following:

- Problem solving techniques and practice;
- Materials calculations and cost analysis;
- Time management skills application;
- Job procurement and job retention skills training;
- Hands on experience with industry techniques in rough construction as well as finish carpentry.

Participant Eligibility

DJJ staff will determine if a youth is appropriate for the program and refer them to attend. Basically, any DJJ youth desiring to learn life and job skills in the field of carpentry are eligible for the program. Preference is given to youth who show interest in the fields of construction and carpentry and those with their GED or diploma.

Objectives

Primary objectives of the Carpentry Apprenticeship classes include:

- Teaching the importance of punctuality and time management skills;
- Safety training for a construction/shop environment;
- Familiarity with, care, and correct use of the many types of tools and equipment;
- Proper etiquette and communication skills for the work environment;
- Group dynamics and individual self esteem building;
- Identify unique interests and develop new positive life goals and skills.



For more information please contact your local DJJ County Office (full listing on back) or:

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