

Operation Fresh Start

Building Futures



Mission

- Help participants to become self-sufficient, contributing members of the community by providing them an opportunity to gain employment training, education, independent living skills, and a chance to serve the community.
- Produce quality affordable homes for low- and moderate-income families.
- Contribute to ongoing local conservation efforts.
- Provide technical assistance to communities and organizations who want to implement the Operation Fresh Start program model.

History

- ◉ 42 years of service to Madison and the surrounding area.
- ◉ Served over 7000 youth during that time.
- ◉ Built or rebuilt 200+ homes in Dane County; sold to low-income families.
- ◉ 12 replication sites throughout Wisconsin.

Employment Training

- Residential Construction and Conservation.
- Emphasis on Basic Job Skills.
- Developing healthy relationships with positive role models.



Education

- Currently there are 70 students enrolled at OFS, 58 are working towards a high school credential.
- Academics include basic skills remediation and HSED preparation.
- Focus on independent living skills and financial management.

Career Development

- Progress through OFS by progressing through Gateways.
- Identifying Career Clusters.
- Obtain meaningful credentials.
- Prepare for Post-Secondary.



Outcomes

- 80 % of participants who enroll complete the program.
- 82 % of graduates are in post-secondary or jobs averaging 11.85 / hr.
- 84 % have remained free of criminal offense.







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