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YOUTHBUILD ACHIEVES NATIONAL AFFILIATION STATUS

Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild has received national recognition as a *full affiliate* from YouthBuild, USA.

In order to become a full affiliate, programs must be in compliance with the national program standards related to attendance, literacy and numeracy gains, placements, and retention. The Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild program has worked over the past three years to achieve these standards, resulting in continued funding from the Federal government in the amount of \$700,000.

Just recently, five YouthBuild students passed the high school equivalency exam and received their high school diploma, reaching this goal in only **one** semester. This is a direct example of the success of the Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild program and its positive impact on the youth of our community.

The following is a summary of the overall achievements of Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild since it started in 2006.

Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild Statistics for Graduates

	2007	2008	2009
Attendance	88%	92%	99%
Retention	30%	100%	100%
Literacy Gains	5 Grade levels	5 Grade levels	2 Grade Levels
Numeracy Gains	5 Grade levels	6 Grade levels	5 Grade Levels
Obtained HS Diploma	5	5	4
Placement in Either Employment or Post Secondary Ed	50%	57%	70%

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