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Who We Are

The National Urban Technology Center, Inc. (Urban Tech), a 501(c)(3) education not-for-profit, was founded in 1995 to provide access to technology and training to address the widening computer literacy and achievement gap in inner-city communities. Urban Tech's primary focus is to transfer educational tools to schools and community-based organizations nationwide for promoting life skills, academic performance, and workforce preparation among young people, ages 10 to 19. Urban Tech accomplishes its mission through its two flagship programs, SeedTech® and the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA).

What We Do

SeedTech® is a "turn-key" model for building computer training centers (CTCs) and training workshops in communities. Urban Tech has transferred its computer curriculum and training methodology to hundreds of SeedTech® centers for youth programs, computer skills, senior classes, tax preparation, job training and re-entry programs. Urban Tech's youth development curriculum, YLA, has demonstrated significant outcomes in partnership with schools, faith-based organizations, public housing and community centers. Serving youth, ages 10-19, YLA integrates life skills and technology skills with academic content in a unique online learning environment that has the look of a TV program and engages teens using online games and activities. It enables participants to analyze, explore and respond to important issues such as truancy and school dropout, substance abuse and obesity, youth violence and gangs; and equips them with the practical skills needed to be successful in school and the workplace.

15-Year Track Record

460,000 people served **750** Computer Training Centers **200** Youth Development Programs

- ✓ Recognized by the Verizon Foundation for "improving academic performance and workforce preparedness among at-risk youth."
Success Award: Partnership for Developing America's Future Leaders given by the Verizon Foundation, 2005
- ✓ Recognized by the Ford Foundation and Harvard University, Urban Tech's SeedTech program with the U.S. Department of Justice is considered an "...exemplary program in American Government."
Innovation Award given by Harvard University and Ford Foundation, 2000
- ✓ Recognized as a "...model for bringing technology to people in inner-cities and remote rural areas."
"International Journal of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation," 1997

Outcomes

- ✓ **Engaging Students** - "Students in Urban Tech programs respond with sheer enthusiasm to learning and exemplify the higher order thinking skills necessary to master classroom material and extend learning into their daily lives."
"Youth Leadership Academy 2-Year Evaluation in Newark, NJ", Martin Finkelstein, Ph.D., 2007
- ✓ **Increased Reading and Math Skills** - YLA participants' reading scores improved by 46% and math scores increased by 40% over 3 years, accompanied by a 26% increase in attendance, and a 100% graduation rate after the introduction of YLA into the curriculum.
"Evaluation of YLA in Montclair High School," Elaine M. Walker, Ph.D., 2003

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