THE NEED...

- There are 17,288,000 High School Students projected in 2023...
- The graduation rate is projected to be 85.3%...
- 6% or 1,037,280 will drop out of High School in 2023...
- 12% or 124,475 of High School dropouts will be unemployed...
- High School drop outs are 8x as likely to commit a crime and serve prison time...
- 15% of all High School students have their first drink at age 13...10% have smoked pot...
- 20% of all High School students have an undiagnosed mental health issue...50% of these issues start at age 14...75% start by the age of 24...
- 70% of High School students with a mental health issue will commit a crime...

OUR IMPACT...

Most Disconnected Youth are living in family environments that are at or below the poverty line and are at a greater risk for mental health, physical and behavioral issues. Many cite a “feeling of hopelessness.” Over the past 10-years (2013 to 2022), the intervention of the Apprenticeship Program, the Seaport Foundation seen Apprentices achieve the following:

- Have received their high school diploma by completing a GED program...
- Attended Community College, 4-year College or a Trade School...
- Completed a Driving Course and received their Driver’s License...
- Engage in full-time/part-time employment or a workforce development program...
- Established and Independent Living Environment...

OUR FUTURE...

The Seaport Foundation is embarking on an ambitious expansion of its current Apprentice Program to expand the number of Apprentices served from 10 -12 to 15 - 18. This expansion includes the construction of an additional building to meet the needs of the expanded Apprentice Program. Seaport Center II, a purpose-built building is scheduled to commence construction in the Spring of 2023. This building will add an additional 3,500 square feet of workshop and meeting space. Once completed, The Seaport Foundation will have more than 5,400 square feet of space from which to deliver its Apprentice Program.

FUTURES. HANDCRAFTED

The Seaport Foundation Apprentice Program is a hands-on learning opportunity for Disconnected Youth ages 17 -24.

Since 1993, The Seaport Foundation’s Apprentice Program has used the craft of woodworking and traditional boatbuilding to deliver an immersive experience that prepare them for success in employment and in adulthood.

Apprentices are paid $14/hour and can expect to spend 9 to 12 months working alongside experienced woodworkers, carpenters, boatbuilders and mentors on a three-phase curriculum to gain workforce readiness skills and life skills.

This curriculum includes:

Workplace Readiness Skills:
- Woodworking/Carpentry
- Academic/GED Tutoring
- Resume/Interview Training
- Professionalism, Teamwork, and a Service Mindset

Life Skills:
- Financial Literacy/Budgeting
- Self Esteem/Positive Habits
- Health and Nutrition
- Resiliency/Patience
- Anger Management
HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Give of your Time, Talent, and Treasure...

DONATE:

Your donation allows ASF to continue to serve disconnected youth in our communities. Every dollar you give goes directly to supporting our facilities, staff, and programs. Giving is easy. You donate online at [www.alexandriaseaport.org](http://www.alexandriaseaport.org) or via the mail at PO Box 25036 Alexandria, VA 22313.

VOLUNTEER:

Do you have woodworking or construction skills and have some free time. Come to our Boat Shop on the Potomac waterfront and help mentor our Apprentices to develop woodworking and boat building skills.

PROGRAM SUPPORT:

Do you have a background in teaching or tutoring? Come help mentor our Apprentices as they work toward receiving their GED, obtain a Driver’s License or receive Financial Literacy and Budgeting training.

WHERE DO OUR APPRENTICES COME FROM?

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