

# Building Occupational Opportunities in the Midlands



A regional partnership to increase career readiness and employment for young adults with disabilities in the field of construction



# Our Vision

- A course(s) based on industry need and student interest.
- Taught at a technical college.
- A certification/credential that is industry recognized.
- Transition exiting seniors with disabilities into competitive employment.

# What is BOOM?

- Semester long course
- OSHA certification
- Certificate from Midlands Technical College
- Leads to competitive employment for students with disabilities







- Richland 1 and 2, Lexington/Richland 5
- Midlands Technical College
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Midland Education and Business Alliance (MEBA)
- Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina
- Midlands Workforce Development Board



# Pilot Success!

- The students
- Partnerships
- Common goal
- First semester field trip
- Support for the MTC staff in special education
- Willingness of the instructors to modify and adapt
- Assistants provided by each district
- Building Industry Association persistence in placements



# Challenges

- Funding
- Transportation



# Next Steps

- Funding
- Continue courses in spring, 2019
- Expand to other areas of industry need (HVAC, hospitality, supply/distribution are possibilities)
- Share the concept-it can be replicated!



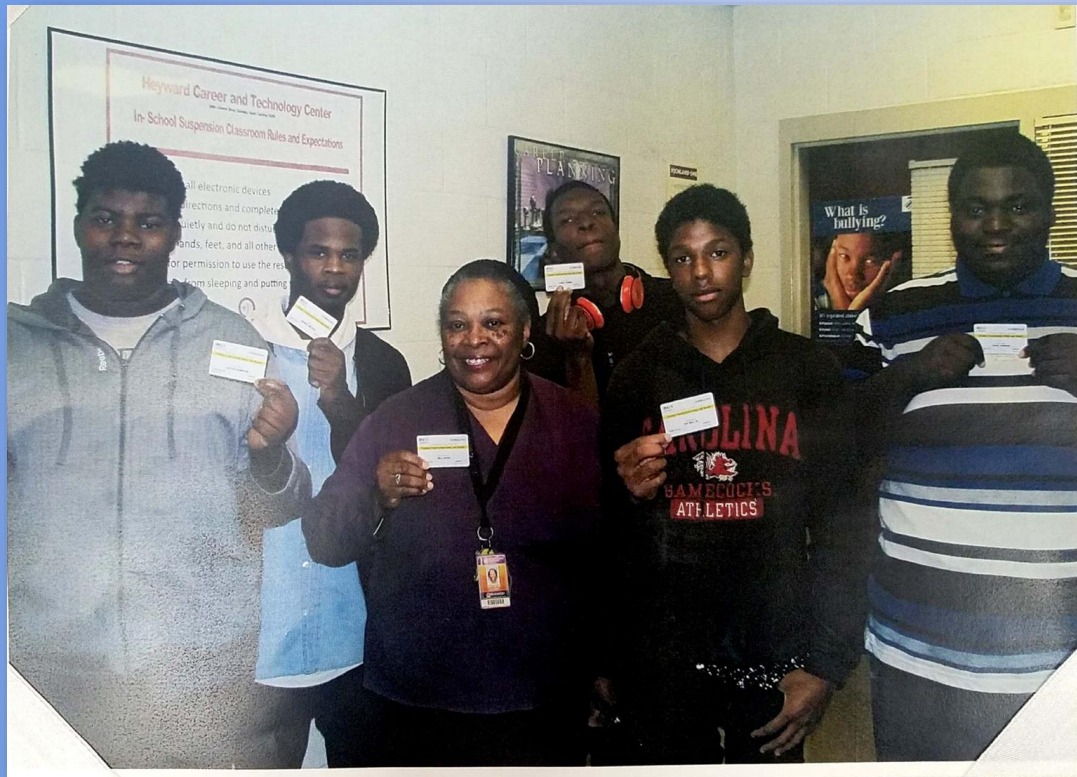


A photograph of a workshop or classroom. In the foreground, there are several wooden frames of small houses under construction, arranged in a row. On a workbench in front of them, there is a yellow and black miter saw, a blue vise, and other tools. In the background, there are more workbenches, some with metal stands, and a clock on the wall. The room has a high ceiling with long fluorescent lights.

# Questions?







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# Blueprint for your Future







## Team Building and Interview Preparation with MEBA

