

Founded in 1981, Isles, Inc. is a community development and environmental organization based in Trenton, New Jersey. Isles develops cost effective, powerful ways to strengthen people and places in challenging urban settings. Below is a snapshot of 2010 accomplishments.

Revitalize Communities

Isles develops green and healthy affordable homes, facilities, parks & other open spaces.

- Homes weatherized: 144
- Homes with combined lead, energy and structural retrofits: 21
- Units completed with full gut rehabilitations: 4
- Homes signed up for weatherization services: 789

Train and Educate

Isles offers youth and adults a vocational high school (Isles YouthBuild Institute) and green job training (Center for Energy and Environmental Training).

Center for Energy and Environmental Training (CEET):

- Individuals trained: 496
- Course completions (some completed more than 1 course): 662
 - Energy Efficiency: 141
 - Renewable Energy: 15
 - US EPA Lead RRP: 506
- Unemployed/underemployed persons trained for job placement: 95
 - CEET overall placement rate: 75%
- Nationally recognized certifications earned through 2010 CEET classes and testing: 536

Isles YouthBuild Institute 2010-2011 School Year:

- Enrollment—Graduation and Life Skills Tracks: 98
- Retention rate: 59%
- Students placed in paid internships: 53
- Students matched in mentoring program: 22
- Students receiving P.A.C.T. (Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training) Certification: 23
- Students graduating with high school diploma or GED: 11
- Students placed in post-secondary education: 5 to date

Build Wealth

Isles offers social enterprise, microbusiness, and other financial and credit building services.

Homeownership and foreclosure counseling:

- First time homeowners counseled: 15
- Families counseled to avoid foreclosure: 175
- Foreclosure resolutions: 51

Microbusiness Training and Lending:

- Entrepreneurs trained: 44
- Microloans: \$6,000
- Businesses started or stabilized: 18

Isles Financial Fitness Club (IFFC):

- Employees enrolled in IFFC: 16

Live Green and Healthy

Isles cleans up environmental hazards, supports energy efficiency, and promotes healthy lifestyles.

- Homes tested for lead: 400
- Persons educated about lead poisoning prevention: 200
- Community gardens: 26
- School gardens: 10
- Pounds of food harvested in 29 gardens: 20,153
- Servings of vegetables: 84,200