

## Rutgers Youth Success Program (RYSP)

*Building Bridges to Youth Employment*

**The Rutgers Youth Success Program (RYSP) provides state-of-the-art trauma-informed and strengths-based case management to vulnerable populations in Camden County and statewide, using transportation and infrastructure to create bridges to youth employment opportunities.**

Funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, RYSP implements positive change and system reform to best serve young people through connecting them to job and career opportunities in the growing transportation field.

The program develops and maintains partnerships between scientists, educators, mental health professionals, social services, courts, and law enforcement. It then leverages these collective resources to offers job readiness, career exposure, work experience, and educational, legal, and wraparound support services to youth in New Jersey.

## Transportation Career Opportunities

- **Shipping & Logistics**
  - Truck drivers, public transportation drivers, fleet coordinator, forklift operator, and more.
- **Roadway & Infrastructure Maintenance**
  - Construction worker, mechanic, traffic supervisor, distribution center manager, and more.

CAIT and RYSP are prepared to support young people in selecting from these and other viable career options in transportation, provide the training and paid work experience necessary for success, fill system gaps in under-recognized areas of workforce need, and help our youth overcome the barriers that have prevented pathways to success in the past.

Recognizing the need to address the trauma that so often precedes a young person's involvement with the juvenile justice system, and to address barriers to success in education and employment among vulnerable populations of disconnected youth and their families, RYSP and CAIT are leveraging existing networks to implement placement for under-represented and justice-challenged young people in transportation and infrastructure careers.



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# RYSP Resources

Funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Rutgers Youth Success Program is a collaboration between researchers at Rutgers University and the Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT) that provides state-of-the-art trauma-informed and strengths-based case management services to vulnerable populations in Camden County and statewide.

The program utilizes its network of regional and statewide partners to connect justice-impacted youth with new employment opportunities in the transportation and infrastructure fields. RYSP has been the premier innovative youth development division of Rutgers University, serving out-of-school, disconnected, and justice-impacted youth and young adults across New Jersey. Rutgers CAIT focuses on some of the country's most pressing transportation infrastructure challenges, especially those that are endemic in high-volume multimodal corridors like the Northeast.

Professional Networks	RYSP has built a partnership of researchers, educators, social service workers and more to assist youth in the program. CAIT is also leveraging resources at transportation agencies throughout the region such as NJDOT, Port Authority, and NJ Transit.
Industry Connections	Through its USDOT University Transportation Center, Rutgers CAIT works closely with transportation agencies and industry members throughout the region, giving the Center connections to potential career opportunities across all modes of travel, from rail to shipping.
Supportive Staff	Experienced staff at RYSP have been dedicated to helping the youth of New Jersey improve their quality of life and become productive members of our workforce and society.

## Our Team



Mr. Todd Pisani is the Research Project Manager for the Rutgers Youth Success Program. He provides case management services to youth in Camden, NJ as part of the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development funded research project.



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Mr. Aurelio Rodriguez is a Program Coordinator for the Rutgers Youth Success Program. He has worked in Camden for 17 years teaching & running afterschool programs, helping at-risk youth, and doing homeless outreach for young people.



Dr. Patrick Szary is the Associate Director of Rutgers CAIT. He has generated more than \$75.2M in funding for CAIT, a University Transportation Center established in 1998 and part of a national program funded by the USDOT.

