

Transition Pathways

Innovative Approaches to Improve Outcomes for Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum



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Our Mission

is to ensure young adults on the autism spectrum can reach their full potential. We are committed to supporting young people in Philadelphia who face multiple barriers as a result of systemic racism and poverty.



The Challenge

Many adults on the autism spectrum are disconnected from both education and work opportunities after high school. They face chronic unemployment or are stuck in low-wage, part time jobs. This problem is even worse for young people of color. Without immediate action, we risk losing a generation of capable workers.



Our Solutions

We partner with schools, businesses, organizations, and community members to develop innovative solutions that impact people's lives. Research and real-world expertise drive our initiatives that address the challenges facing young people on the autism spectrum as they launch their careers.



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

We offer a growing collection of programs that prepare young people on the autism spectrum for employment and connect them to career opportunities.

“Employment is about more than simply earning a paycheck - it influences quality of life, independence, and wellness.”

- Roux, Rast, Anderson, & Shattuck, 2016



SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Our **Business Inclusion Center** consults with businesses to accelerate inclusive hiring practices and connect them to a reliable pipeline of talent to build an equitable and inclusive workforce.

“Fostering employment and career opportunities for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities is not about charity -- it’s about unleashing human potential.”

- Dr. Paul Shattuck



OUR GROWING IMPACT

100+

Young people completed training programs

30,000+

Internship hours

88%

Of young people employed

1000+

Employers and service providers completed neurodiversity training

250+

Businesses reached

BECOME CONNECTED

Partner to support youth and their families to access services, supports, and programs to transition from high school.

Contact us to discuss how you can build capacity to include young adults on the autism spectrum in your programs and organization.

Hire and include individuals on the autism spectrum and provide internship opportunities in your workplace.

Contribute and donate to our efforts to support young adults on the autism spectrum in reaching their full potential.

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