Program in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development at Rutgers University: An Interdisciplinary and Cross Campus Initiative

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Juvenile justice demands unique thinking, policy, and programming – and now, more than ever, training unique to the demands of working effectively with youth.

- In New Jersey and nationally, the past decade has witnessed reforms to the juvenile justice system driven in part by substantial academic research in the area of adolescent development with recognition of the differences between the youth and adult populations.

- In recent years, landmark advances in the science of youth development have moved in tandem with progressive legal theory and jurisprudence to underscore the supportive and rehabilitative intent of the juvenile justice system as distinct from the criminal justice system.
In *partnership* with the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, the Program is comprised of three integrated components designed to inform a developing career pathway in juvenile justice:

- **Academic offerings for undergraduate students**
  
  *Development of a Minor and Major within three years*

- **Professional education for those entering or experienced in fields related to juvenile justice**
  
  *Development of an Industry Recognized / Interdisciplinary Professional Certification Program*

- **Advising for career development and graduate education in related fields**
Collective Impact is a significant shift from the social sector’s current paradigm of "isolated impact," because the underlying premise of Collective Impact is that no single organization can create large-scale, lasting social change alone.

Youth Education and Employment Success Center Model

Focusing on a Shared Youth Vision
Shared Vision

Rutgers Leadership Academy
Center for Organizational Development and Leadership
Robert L. Barchi, President

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Kenneth M. Karamichael, Director
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102 Ryders Lane
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Dear Ken:

It is with great pride that Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, submits a proposal to operate a Program in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development with support from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Rutgers University, which is marking its 250th anniversary, has long been a leader in educational innovation, continuing education, and community engagement. Now a member of the prestigious Big Ten athletic conference and consistently ranked among the top 100 global universities by international organizations, Rutgers boasts award-winning faculty and a diverse and accomplished student body who have been among the nation’s top earners of Fulbright Scholarships. With a mission to provide for the instructional needs of New Jersey residents, conduct cutting-edge research that contributes to the well-being of our state and the world, and perform public service in support of our communities, Rutgers will leverage its work as a model for necessary systems change in New Jersey and elsewhere.

Across our locations in New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden, Rutgers students and faculty have made significant contributions in fields related to the proposed work in juvenile justice. The anticipated initiative in juvenile justice is a highly innovative, statewide, and interdisciplinary project built on the additional leadership of Chancellor Richard L. Edwards of Rutgers–New Brunswick, Chancellor Nancy Cantor of Rutgers–Newark, and Chancellor Phoebe A. Haddon of Rutgers–Camden. With Rutgers Cooperative Extension, under the direction of Dr. Larry Katz, endorsing this initiative as well, I have full confidence in the strength and promise of the proposed Program in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development.

As President of Rutgers, the premier comprehensive public research university in New Jersey’s system of higher education, I commend Dr. Paul Boxer and you for your collective and innovative program design to support lifelong learning among those working with our state’s adjudicated youth.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi
It’s all about the Lens!
And... keeping it clear and focused
Challenges...

- These are fine, but what's in it for me?

= Opportunities!

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THE UNIVERSE

- Stuff about me
- Stuff I hate
- Others
The Program will operate under the joint leadership of Kenneth M. Karamichael, Ed.M., Director of the Office of Continuing Professional Education, and Associate Director for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs, Rutgers Cooperative Extension; and Paul Boxer, Ph.D., Director of the Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, and Senior Fellow in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark.

**Initial Departments and Center Collaborations Committed to Kicking Off the Project**

Jan E. Lewis, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University-Newark

Bonita M. Veysey, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor - Planning and Implementation at Rutgers-Newark, Professor in the School of Criminal Justice

Harold I. Siegel, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Psychology at Rutgers University-Newark

Phylis J. Peterman, Ph.D., MSW, Chair of the Department of Social Work at Rutgers University-Newark

Arthur B. Powell, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Urban Education at Rutgers University-Newark

Kriste Lindenmeyer, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University-Camden

Jane A. Siegel, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Camden

Gwendolyn Harris, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs

...and welcoming all others who see traditional (or non-traditional) linkages to advance the project in any way.

Learn more about joining our growing team today! Simply email (KENNETH@RUTGERS.EDU)
Looking Forward…

Program in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development

**By Spring 2018:**
Minor in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development approved and offered to students

**Spring 2018 - Fall 2018:**
Pilot series of short-courses offered primarily to professionals in juvenile justice

**Spring 2019 - Fall 2019:**
Application developed for the offering of a Major in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development

* Spring Conference

March 2017  September 2017  March 2018  September 2018  March 2019  September 2019

Interdisciplinary task force on juvenile justice and youth development established at start of project; meetings quarterly

Spring 2018 - Fall 2018:
New undergraduate courses offered in topics related to Juvenile Justice and Youth Development

Beginning January 2019:
Professional certificate established in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development, with short-courses offered statewide

Needs Assessment: Students and Professionals

Training Assessment and Program Evaluation

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Center for Organizational Development and Leadership
Special Thanks

Center for Organizational Leadership:

Dr. Richard De Lisi, Dr. Brent D. Ruben, Dr. Ralph A. Gigliotti

RLA Mentor: Dr. Larry S. Katz

Class of 2015-2017 RLA (Inaugural) Fellows

Dr. Richard Edwards, Chancellor - New Brunswick

Dr. Robert Barchi, President

Dr. Paul Boxer and our extended team of

PJJYD Faculty, Staff, Local Stakeholders, and the

New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission