Roots of Success is an empowering environmental literacy and job training program that prepares youth and adults with barriers to employment for jobs and career pathways in environmental and advocacy sectors and to improve environmental and social conditions in their communities.

The program is centered around a federal Department of Labor registered Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship program and 10-module course. Pre-Apprentices who complete the course earn an “Environmental Specialist” certificate, an industry recognized credential that is highly valued by employers.

**INCLUDES 10 MODULES**

- Fundamentals of Environmental Literacy
- Water
- Waste
- Transportation
- Energy
- Building
- Food, Health, & Agriculture
- Community Organizing & Leadership
- Financial Literacy & Social Entrepreneurship
- Application & Practice

The Roots of Success program is offered in prisons, jails, juvenile facilities, job training programs, reentry programs, high schools, youth programs, adult schools, and other workforce and education settings. Since 2009, we have partnered with over 600 programs in 40 states and over 25,000 youth and adults have gone through our program, over 12,000 did so while incarcerated.
Prepares individuals for 70+ jobs and 111 career pathways in environmental and advocacy fields

Specifically, prepares individuals for jobs and career pathways in the water, waste, transportation, energy, building, food, health, agriculture, open space, and advocacy sectors

Graduates earn an “Environmental Specialist” Pre-Apprenticeship certificate

Prepares individuals to improve environmental and social conditions in their communities

Teaching approach supports students to use their lived experiences as the foundation upon which to build further knowledge and skills

Taught through an environmental justice lens

Deepens understanding of environmental problems and solutions

Strengthens academic, professional, financial, social entrepreneurship, advocacy, and communication skills

Promotes critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, collaboration

Increases motivation, confidence, and inspires lifelong learning

Inspires and prepares individuals to be active in their communities

Prepares graduates for Apprenticeships and post-secondary education

1. Email to set up a meeting with RoS staff - info@rootsofsuccess.org
2. Schedule a Train-the-Instructor training for the instructors who will teach the course
3. Order teaching materials for instructors
4. Order Student Workbooks for participants
5. Register instructors and participants for the Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship
6. Work with RoS staff to try and get college credit for participants in your local area