

## A Parent's Guide to Fostering Career Awareness

Most experts agree that parents are the most important influences on a child's choice of career!

### Identify Interests:

Help your children identify their interests by asking them questions like these:

- ♦What activities are you excited about doing?
- ♦What are your favorite and least favorite courses?
- ♦Do you like working with people?
- ♦Do you like working with things?
- ♦Do you like working with information?
- ♦Do you like to spend your time inside or outside?

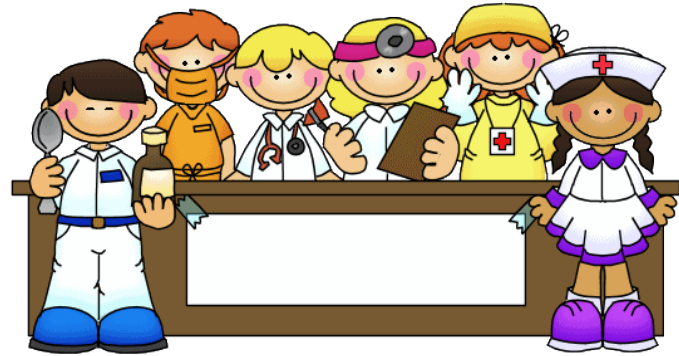
### Broaden Your Child's Experience:

- ♦Talk to your child about what you do at your job, what you like, what is important for your job, what a typical day at work is like, etc. Describe jobs you have held and how school helped you in your career.
- ♦Talk With Your Child About a Career.
- ♦Point out examples of employees providing services and creating products in your community.
- ♦Make a game to see who can identify the most occupations when at the mall, in the car, or on a family outing.
- ♦Help children identify job skills in the chores they do around the house.
- ♦Help them explore the world of work through part-time, summer employment, or community volunteer work.
- ♦Help them explore their interests by job shadowing a person or family member in one or more occupations of interest.
- ♦Encourage participation in clubs or organizational groups that teach many leadership and social skills needed in today's world.
- ♦Broaden your child's interest in sports and hobbies to provide opportunities for teamwork.

### Give Guidance, Not Commandments:

- ♦Allow your children to make their final career choices.
- ♦Help children research the pros and cons of their career choices.
- ♦Allow children to change their minds.
- ♦Support your children's decisions.

## ~ career and college Awareness ~



It is important for career development to begin early in life. Career development and employment skills are learned behavior and teachers can incorporate career lessons into their daily learning. A career focus can be fun, rewarding, and is imperative if our students are going to become the professionals of tomorrow. Take a look at the shortage of educated people needed in the workplace now.

**Discussions and sharing** of people in the news, in history, on TV and in the movies can be excellent ways to put careers in your classroom. By the way, what was Walt Disney's' career?

**Reading books and watching videos** are prime times for career awareness activities. What did Charlotte's owner do for his/her livelihood? What would be good careers for Harry Potter? Got the idea?

# Career Exploration for Students



**Explore the Unknown!!!**

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

It is never too early to start thinking about career choices. There are so many jobs out there and with a little research you are bound to find something that is right for you. Work can be fun all you have to do is find out what you like to do and work hard at it.

**Don't Wait - Start Preparing Today!**

It is never too early to start working toward a career. Follow the links below to discover more about your personality and hidden talents:

[Big 5 Personality Quiz](#)

[www.outofservice.com/bigfive/](http://www.outofservice.com/bigfive/)

[Career Quiz/Interest Survey](#)

[www.schoolfinder.com/careers/3step1.asp](http://www.schoolfinder.com/careers/3step1.asp)

The links below will help you research and learn what types of careers are right for you:

<http://knowitall.sctv.org/careerraise/students/elementary/>

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/students.htm>

<https://www.careerkids.com/>

<http://www.engineergirl.org/>

<http://www.khake.com/page64.html> (Career guides and activities, career coloring books)

<http://paws.bridges.com/cfnc1.htm>

<http://vacareerview.org/k5/play-it/career-town/main.cfm>

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**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be a Problem solver**

**Be safe**