Welcome! Quality Work Experiences Through Creative Job Development



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Benefits of HS Work Experiences

- The Student
- The Employer
- The Co-workers
- School District
- Special Education Teacher
- Family Members
- VR Counselor





Job Development Key Considerations

Overall Experience

The Challenges/Barriers

The effectiveness of JD depends on several conditions Student focus, Access to the Employer (Labor Market) and Creativity We need to <u>Avoid the "Programmatic" Solution</u>

The Vision is: For both, the Student and the Business/Employer

Important Considerations in the JD Process (Impressions you make)

- Student/Family
- Employer
- Community







Know The Student



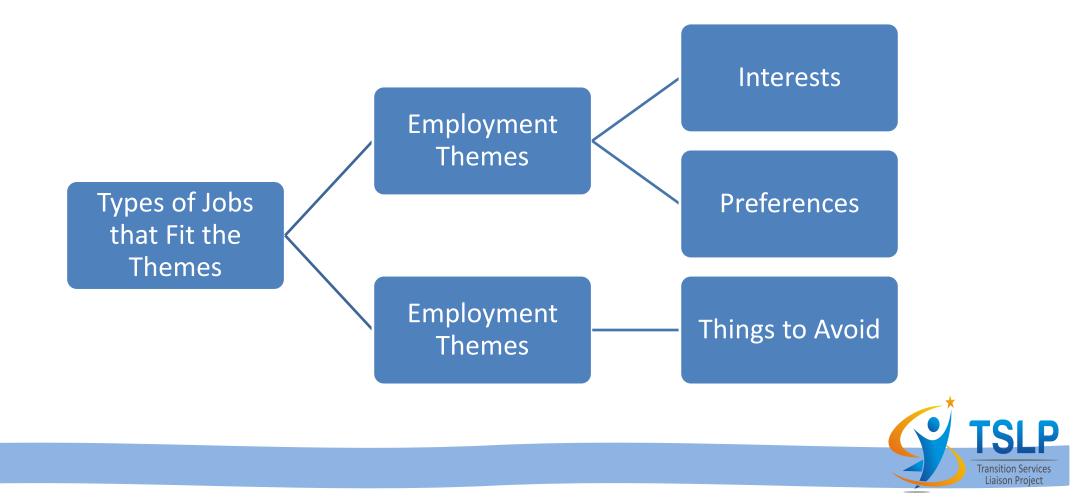
"The Discovery Process"

- This includes Likes, Dislikes, Preferences and Interests
- Identifying things to Avoid (Fears, Allergies, Routines, etc..)
- Identifying the Student's Learning Style
- How the Student Communicates best
- Environmental Conditions that work best Do we have a Personal Profile?



Discovery: Getting to Know the Student

Interviewing People who know the Student Best



Job Development – Employer Contacts

Identify & Inventory Businesses/Employers in the Community Identify Types of Jobs that Fit the Employment Themes of the Student <u>Develop a Marketing Strategy</u>

Contact/Develop Relationships (One Minute Presentation) Through Connections Brochure Emails

Phone Calls

Research Business Prior to Meeting with Employer



Small Group Discussion

Make a list of the Businesses within a 12 Block Radius of the School.

Do not include Walmart, Menards, Lowes, etc...



Meeting with the Employer – Be Prepared!

Dress for the Environment

School – Job Coaching Availability VR - Understand the Project Skills Process/Other Resources DOL – Learn about Career Launch & Other Programs Benefits – Know about the Work Incentives Discuss Needs/Options

A Tour of the Workplace Inquire about a Job Analysis Be Creative: Carve, Create, Negotiate Job for the Student Arrange for the Interview with the Student





Learn About the Business/Employer

Develop a Job Analysis to Learn about: The Work Environment The Culture of the Workplace Specific Jobs/Tasks being completed The Job Routines of the Employees **Availability of Natural Supports** Is it a good Fit for the Student? Is the Student a good Fit for the business/employer?



More on Job Analysis

- Opportunity to Learn the Job by Spending Time at the Job
- Observe the Job being completed by other Employees
- Use a Job Analysis Form
- Have Employee Train you on the Tasks
- Perform the Tasks Yourself
- Document all the Expectations/Tasks



- Note the Environmental Factors: Noise, Temperature, Lighting, Work pace, Employee Interactions, Unwritten Rules
 - Also Note the Special Techniques, Production Rates and Quality of the Work



Know the Work Environment

- Positive and Upbeat Attitude Value to the Business
- Get to Know the Business/Environment
- Complete Job Analysis



- Assess the Potential for Natural Supports/Workplace Supports
- Observe the Employees Performing Tasks/Routines
- Consider Participant and Work Setting Is it a "Good Fit"?
- Have Co-worker TEACH you the Job Routines/Assess
- Get a Feel for the Job Critical Routines/Tasks
- Develop Task Analysis if needed



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