



How Will I Find A Job?

Finding a job after high school is an exciting step! Do you want to make money, buy a car, move into an apartment, or start a career? Your VR transition counselor wants to know your special interests, skills, and goals. Then, together you will make a plan that fits your needs. There are some important ingredients to discuss for finding a job:

Exploring the variety of jobs available in your community.

You might want to start by visiting different work sites to see people doing the kinds of jobs that interest you. Talking to friends and relatives helps—what do they do at work, how does the company hire? Most importantly, you and your counselor can plan ways for you to get “on the job” experience such as internships, volunteering, part-time work, or a summer job.

Preparing for the job you want by looking into training programs.

Is there a program that would teach you job skills while you are in high school? What is available after high school? Your transition counselor and/or your guidance counselor can help you find out about possible programs that best fit you and your goals.

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Learning job search skills—how to look for a job.

Successful job search means completing job applications, giving references, or even writing and sending a resume. Most important, you will have to interview for a job. There are great tips for what to wear, how to communicate (especially when questions are difficult) and strategies for making a good first impression.

Keeping a job.

The first step is making a good job match, “Job matching” is about answering two questions: What does the employer want and how can you function best to do the job? Sometimes, there are simple accommodations that make a big difference, such as a reduced work schedule, special equipment, or slight changes in the job description, for example. In other situations, the biggest concern is extra support or time for learning a new job. You and your transition counselor will discuss the best match for you as well as how and when to talk with your employer.