

National Center on Deaf-Blindness



Transition Activities

Comparing Places of Employment: Community Scavenger Hunt

Topic:

Comparing Places of Employment: Community Scavenger Hunt will help your son/daughter develop skills and use the supports that will aid in employment success as an adult.

Overview:

Your son/daughter should continue to notice and be exposed to a variety of employment options and conditions and internalize or imagine himself/herself in that job.

The purpose of this activity is to:

1. Create a social condition in which your son/daughter is having this experience with another peer.
2. Compare two different places of employment in terms of how the workers look. How are they dressed? Do they wear a uniform? How do they wear their hair? Do they wear hats or hair nets?
3. Have your son/daughter put value (judge whether or not he/she would like to work there) on conditions of their employment – what conditions he/she might like; and those he/she doesn't care to experience.

Outcomes for your child's transition development:

Your son/daughter will develop interest in options for job shadowing by comparing employment settings and considering work conditions that are preferred and work conditions that he/she may not want to experience.

Activity Directions:

1. Set up the activity.
2. Explain the activity to your son/daughter.
3. Ask him/her to contact a friend to share the experience; plan day, time, and location.
4. With the two of them together, explain what they are to find out and compare. You may use a version of the table below.
5. Discuss safety and whether or not safety supervision would be necessary. Make a plan.
6. Facilitate the successful completion of the task.

Name of place of employment/business	What were workers doing?	What kinds of clothing were they wearing? How did they wear their hair?	Did they appear to be having fun? Describe.

Which of these two places would you rather work and why?

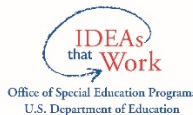
Ways to either Simplify or Increase Complexity:

Ideas for Simplifying Activity

- Take your son/daughter to one or two locations, and together, determine the answers to the questions and whether or not he/she has a favorable or unfavorable conclusion.
- Assist your son/daughter in asking, "What do you do here?"

Ideas for Increasing the Complexity of the Activity

Have your son/daughter find two outside jobs to compare.



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