

# National Center on Deaf-Blindness



## Transition Activities

### Working with Children

#### Topic:

*Working with Children* will help your son/daughter develop work related skills within the home and the community that will aid in job success as an adult.

#### Overview:

There are employment opportunities in child care services. Your son/daughter might not know if he/she would be interested in that line of work or not. By providing a version of the following activity, your son/daughter can come to some conclusions and preferences around the idea of working with children.

If your son/daughter is simply not suited to interact with young children, substitute an experience with the elderly or animals.

#### Outcomes for your child's transition development:

Your son/daughter will determine possible interest in employment opportunities that involve working with children, considering work conditions that are preferred and work conditions that he/she may not want to experience.

#### Activity Directions:

Ways to engage your son/daughter in play and care of children:

- Arrange play oversight opportunities with family or friends that have small children. Your son/daughter can provide safety supervision, or play ideas—showing how to play and playing with the children.
  - Keep children busy for a specific amount of time
  - Keep children engaged in specific activities: coloring painting, singing, dancing
  - Manage snack time for children
  - Caution: be aware of policies regarding changing diapers, helping children in the bathroom and avoid situations in which your son/daughter could be accused of inappropriate behavior.

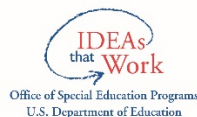
#### Ways to either Simplify or Increase Complexity:

## Ideas for Simplifying Activity

Use children who are relatives and host them in your home. Your son/daughter gets the experience under your supervision and guidance. Think of at least one thing your son/daughter can do or help to do with the other children.

## Ideas for Increasing the Complexity of the Activity

- Contact a day care provider in your area to see if there are volunteer or job shadow opportunities.
- Ask the school personnel if there are opportunities within the school system for job shadowing, mentoring or “little buddy” programs between high schoolers and the preschool or elementary grades.



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