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Dear Promise Grantees:

Below you will find the latest newsletter from the AUCD Promise TA Center. This newsletter highlights some resources that address how families can support the transition of youth with disabilities into successful employment opportunities. The resources in this newsletter and many more can be found at the [AUCD PROMISE TA Center](#) and are available in a print friendly format. Please feel free to send us feedback or requests for specific information and assistance. And, of course, from all of us at the Promise TA Center, have a wonderful day.

## [Helping Youth Build Work Skills for Job Success: Tips for Parents and Families](#)

This InfoBrief addresses the need for youth to acquire work skills and offers strategies parents and families can use to work with their youth to develop skills that lead to success on the job. This InfoBrief also includes information on how to incorporate work skill development into school documents, such as the Individualized Education Program and the Summary of Performance.

Continue reading at [http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/infobrief\\_issue34.pdf](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/infobrief_issue34.pdf)

## [Helping Youth Develop Soft Skills for Job Success](#)

This InforBrief discusses the importance of soft skills and offers strategies parents can use to help their child develop skills for employment success. Soft skills help youth succeed in life no matter what they are doing. Even though parents may not know this term, they will discover that they are familiar with these every day common sense skills that are important in all aspects of life. By improving these skills, a youth can enhance his or her social life, do better in postsecondary studies, and be more successful at finding and maintaining employment.

Continue reading at [http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/infobrief\\_issue28\\_0.pdf](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/infobrief_issue28_0.pdf)

## [Understanding the New Vision for Career Development](#)

This InforBrief introduces families, including families of youth with disabilities, to a new way of looking at career development for youth. This brief discusses the three phases of career development, highlights Individualized Learning Plans as a tool for facilitating the career development process, and offers strategies on how families can be involved. The process by which youth get to know their strengths and interests, learn how different jobs connect with those interests, and build these career planning and management skills is called career development.

Continue reading at <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/Infobrief%20Career%20Development%20-%20Family%20Role.pdf>

## [Engaging Youth in Work Experiences](#)

Work experiences are a critical component of preparing youth for transition to adulthood. This innovative strategies practice brief provides practical examples and resources used by promising and exemplary youth programs engage youth in work experiences. The youth programs featured in this Brief have been recognized by NCWD as innovative strategies. NCWD/ Youth's innovative strategies features workforce development programs and practices that serve youth with disabilities, either as a target population or as part of the other youth population.

Continue reading at [http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/PracticeBrief\\_2.pdf](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/sites/default/files/PracticeBrief_2.pdf)

