

# Choose our Own Career: Supporting Career Exploration at Any Age in Any Setting

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# How can we support career exploration?

Partnerships

Interest Driven, Career-Connected Learning

Volunteer Opportunities (Soft Skills)



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# Partnerships

Expands our capabilities

Providing services *with* others - not just *to* others

BCPS (school system)



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# Think-Pair-Share (Partnerships)

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How and why are you doing this?

What are your challenges in this area?

What has been really successful?

What are lessons learned?

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# Interest-Driven, Career-Connected Learning

Whole-person needs/Discovery

Entrepreneur/Maker Space potential

Summer Teen Workshop, Focus Groups

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Importance of soft skill development

(Adults, including young adults, who are not getting them at home, typically need three full years to instill these skills.)

Social Worker/Mentor Peer Programs

Summer Reading Volunteers

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# Soft Skills

- Literacy/Communication
- Time management
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Emotional intelligence
- Digital literacy
- Initiative
- Perseverance
- Flexibility

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# Share!

What was a big “aha!” for you today from your discussions?

What are you leaving with today?

What are you inspired to do or change in order to strengthen your programs that support career readiness/exploration?

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