



Parents as Role Models

Children observe and learn about work through the experience and behavior of parents and other adult role models. What are the children learning from you?

- *Do they see work as one part of a balanced life?*
- *Do they learn that work means that a parent is absent for long hours?*
- *Do they learn that work outside the home and in the home are both valued?*
- *Do they learn that bosses are bad people who hinder the work of employees?*

Every day you give your children messages about work through your actions, language and behavior. Will your children start to believe that making a living is a necessary evil or that work is a valuable part of life?

Before you begin the process of career education with your children, take some time to think through your own career satisfaction and goals. Children benefit from parents who are happy with their jobs. Work through the career planning process for yourself before introducing it to your child.

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