

Hopewell Prince George Chamber of Commerce
JOBS Program
Tips for Parents

- Engage your children in conversations about their JOBS Program experiences this summer.
 - Ask what they learned.
 - Ask what was the most humorous moment and why.
 - Ask what was the most memorable moment and why.
 - Ask how they feel their JOBS Program experience has changed their lives.
 - Ask what they will do differently, as a result of their JOBS experience.
 - Ask if their experience has helped them to understand the education, training, and career they want to pursue after school.
 - Continue this type of conversation throughout the school year. Ask questions about their classes, what they are learning, and if their career interests have changed.
- Communicate with your children and their school counselors.
 - Make sure your children are scheduled for classes that line-up with their career interests.
 - According to your children's career interests, research the Internet to find colleges, universities, and training programs your children may attend after high school.
 - Find out what your children need to accomplish in high school, in order to be accepted to these schools. Schedule a meeting to discuss these options with your children.
 - Meet with your school counselors to make sure the classes your children are taking meet the admission requirements for the colleges, universities and training programs that interest them.
- Be your children's personal agents and advocates.
 - If your children will have jobs during the school year, assist them in setting a schedule that will allow a healthy balance between school and job responsibilities.
 - Require your children to join and participate in extra-curricular clubs and activities.
 - Encourage your children to try-out for and participate with athletic teams.
 - Plan and carry-out a variety of educational activities and experiences for your children.
 - Call local agencies to inquire about volunteer opportunities.
 - Discuss volunteer opportunities with your children. Work with them to decide which opportunities they will pursue.
 - In January of each year, begin preparing your children for summer employment. Assist them in researching potential jobs and developing and/or updating their resumes.
 - If you need assistance with their resumes, contact your school counselor.
 - Contact local businesses to set-up job shadowing opportunities for your children.
 - Make sure that summer breaks are a healthy mixture of work, volunteering, preparing for the future, recreation, and rest.
 - Have fun!

Helpful Websites*

Virginia Department of Education's Links for Parents - www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Parents/index.html

KnowHow Virginia - www.knowhowvirginia.org

Virginia Career VIEW - www.vaview.vt.edu/parents

Virginia Education Wizard - www.vawizard.org

*These links and others may be accessed online by visiting www.portaportal.com. Once on the site, find the **Guest Access** area. Under **Guest Name** enter **JOBS_Program** and click **Visit** or hit Enter.