

Five Resources for Family Engagement: Career and College Readiness

Engaging families to support student learning is an important role for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC). These five free resources will provide you with examples of resources you can share with families. The resources assist in ensuring that our youth are prepared for college and/or a career.

1. **America's Career Resources Network** This website contains many parent/family handouts and activities to help ensure that their child is preparing for adulthood, including the following titles *Your Child Identify Interests*, *Help Your Child Make Career Decisions*, *Why Should My Child Explore Careers?*, *Work Experience Options for High School Students*. <http://acrn.ovae.org/parents.aspx>
2. **The Big Future by College Board** This resource includes action plans for middle school and high school youth, financial aid videos to assist families in preparing their child for college admission and success.. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents>
3. **MyRoad** This is a college planning resource designed for middle and high school youth. <https://myroad.collegeboard.com/myroad/navigator.jsp>
4. **YouUniversity** This resource contains video tours of college and various careers, and explanation of the difference between SAT and ACT, along with tips to obtaining financial aid. <http://www.youniversitytv.com/cool-stuff/pimp-my-test-scores/4397-the-sat-vs-the-ac>
5. **GreatSchools** This resource provides parent/family handouts and guidance for all grade levels, titles include the following: *Career and Technical Education: Diverse Options for Your Teen*, *What Do You Want to Be? Parents and Counselors Give Teens Career Guidance*, *First Five Steps on the Road to College*, *One Mom's Timeline*, *Paying for College*, *College Application Tips*, *Searching Colleges*. <http://www.greatschools.org/college/>