

The Road Ahead

New technology, international trade, the changing nature of work, the Internet, and environmental protection are some of the trends that make predictions about future employment difficult. Your child will be a worker in the 21st century and will need to respond to and adapt to change. You can play a major role in your child's career planning by discussing the skills he/she has used successfully in school, household projects, or leisure activities, and how those skills can be transferred to other tasks.



The prediction that two thirds of the jobs being created today will require training beyond high school confirms the need to understand that "learning is ongoing." New occupations and skill changes in existing occupations, coupled with fewer workers entering the labour market, suggest a bright and promising future for teenagers.



Discuss how others have found "access your allies" extremely important when exploring job opportunities and in helping them with steps along the way.



Finally, your children need to know that career pathways are not always in straight lines, and that they should "focus on the journey."



Emphasize "know yourself" as a key component to career planning.



Children should "follow their hearts" because most people are happy and successful when they are doing things they like.



Experts are predicting that almost one half of the workforce in the public sector will change in the next three years. Therefore, the idea that "change is constant" is a reality of the labour market.

