

6 FAST FACTS

Parent Perspectives of Postschool Employment

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Youth with disabilities are more likely to hold a job in the community postschool when parents have high expectations for employment.

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Finding a job that matches the child's interests and preferences is more important to parents than wages or hours worked.

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Concerns about employment can affect parents' postschool expectations for their child.

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Soliciting parents' perspectives on post-school employment can bring to light important considerations when exploring job options.

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Parents have voiced concerns about the availability of on-the-job supports, social skills needed on the job, safety issues, finding a job, and keeping the job long-term.

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Transition professionals can acknowledge and alleviate these concerns by asking parents about their concerns, and identifying services, supports, and resources to address these concerns.

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