# THE IMPORTANCE **OF EMPLOYMENT**



## **Defines you** as an adult





## **Promotes development** of rich social networks





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# **EXPECTATIONS** MATTER



Low expectations = Lack of access to work



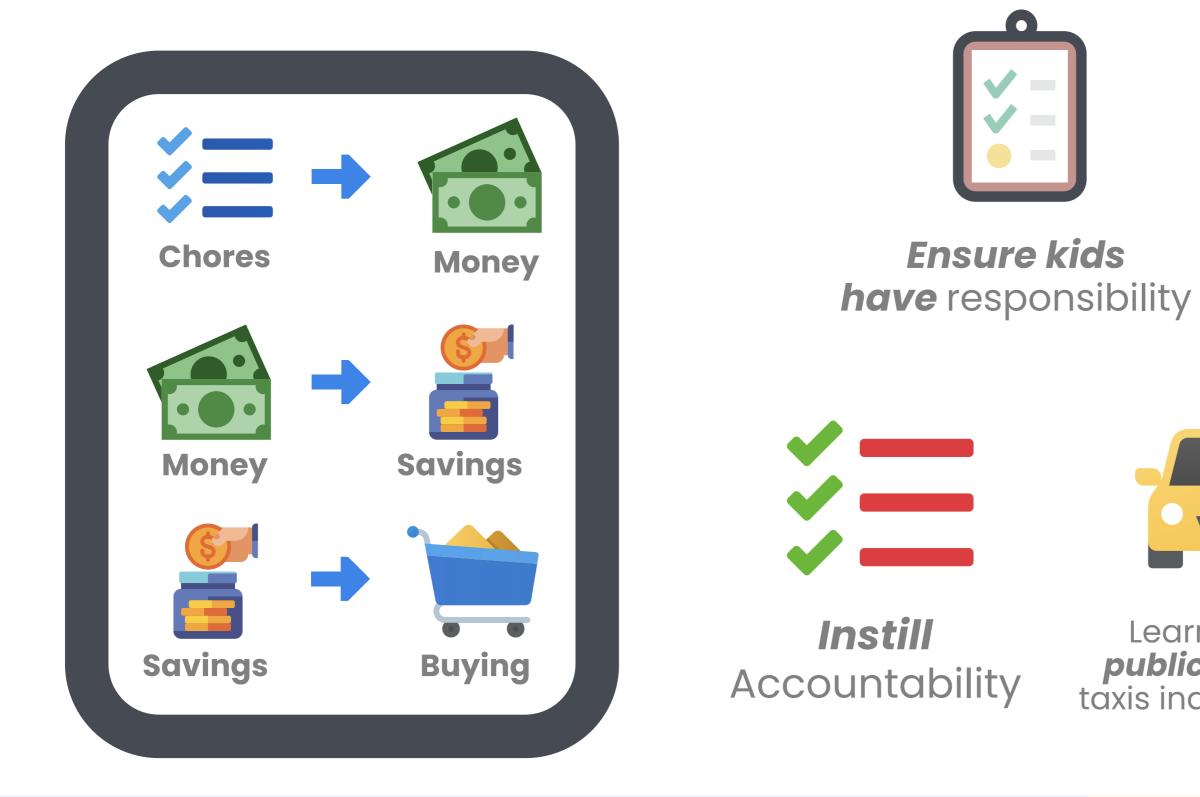
Families with employment expectations are more likely to support their family member to be employed



## Instill employment goals

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Assign and teach chores





Learn to **take** public transit or taxis independently

Develope money skills

# **THROUGH THE TEEN YEARS**



Ensure a job is identified in the Individualized **Educational Plans** 





### INSIST on good Co-op opportunities

(outside the school in private sector businesses)



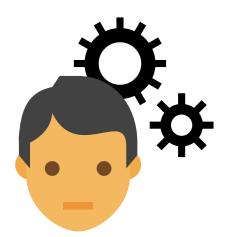
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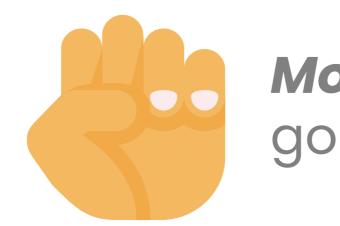
### Summer and Part-time, after-school jobs

### Volunteer in the community

# **ARE YOU READY TO ASK FOR EMPLOYMENT?**



**Skills** required for the job







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### Motivation willingness to go to work and do the job

# *Credibility* with the person hiring

# WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT FROM JOB SEEKERS



Capable of completing tasks



Available to start immediately



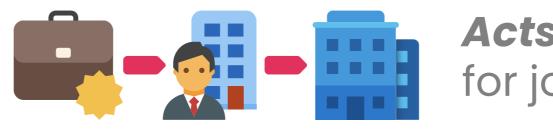
**Reliable,** on time, ready and willing to work





### Dependable and on task, working to their best ability

## WHAT DOES THIRD-PARTY **REPRESENTATION DO?**





Builds relationships with multiple employers



**Matches candidates** to jobs

Identifies accommodations if needed



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### Acts on behalf of candidates for job placements

## **EFFECTIVE THIRD-PARTY REPRESENTATIVES MUST**



**Understand** the needs of employers "...regardless of work experience, job development increased the likelihood that a person would obtain a job, and people with no previous work experience had virtually no chance of acquiring a competitive job without job development."



**Build strong** relationships with employers



**Become** a trusted source

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# THINGS THAT DO NOT **GET YOU A JOB**



**Endless** employment workshops





### Answering job postings



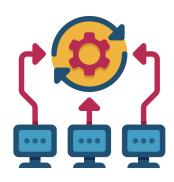
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### Go at it alone with limited access and credibility

# **STRATEGIES THAT CAN GET YOU A JOB**

## **Connect with Employment agencies that**



**Build on relationships** with many employers





Gain access and credibility through Third-party Representation





Find or carve out jobs that fit the candidates

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### Have supported meetings with potential employers

On-the-job training

# WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED FROM THIRD-PARTY PROFESSIONALS



Sell them on the candidate's ability





**Give them confidence** in their hiring decision





Make the hiring process easy



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### Support integration into the job

### Are there to support them when needed

### Ensure a strong work ethic from candidates

# **HOW TO SPOT A SUCCESSFUL AGENCY**



Identifies employment in the open labour market as a goal







Works with **job seekers** of all abilities



Measures outcomes



Knows the jobseeker's *interests*, abilities and needs of support



Provides staff with kills to be **effective** 



Understands businesses



Does not provide congregated programs



Works with diverse stakeholders

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## Receives funding from multiple **Provincial** and **Federal structures**

## **PRECONCEPTIONS EMPLOYERS HAVE ABOUT WORKERS WITH DISABILITY**



Low expectations





**Too much** paperwork



# Job Developers can shift the Employer's Perspective by

Mediating between the candidate and the employer

Answering the employer's concerns

Supporting training

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### **Too expensive** to accommodate



### **Very long** learning curve

Following-up with workers and employers

## **HOW JOB DEVELOPERS SUPPORT BUSINESSES**



Know the job seeker





**Discover** interests





They understand the needs of the business



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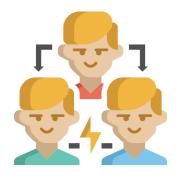


### **Build** from failure

### Mediate in the hiring

### Support placement and retention

# **HOW THE CONSULTATIVE MODEL BENEFITS JOB DEVELOPERS**



Reach out to current and new employers



Build a long-term *relationship* based on trust



**Explore & understand** their needs



Having a high market share in the **business community** 





Knows the job seeker is motivated-reliable and dependable to work

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# HOW THE CONSULTATIVE MODEL **BENEFITS JOB SEEKERS**



Connects them with job developers that are confident and effective







Instills confidence in the job seeker





Lower restrictions on who can work



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### Finds the *right job* for the job seeker

### Greater employment opportunities

Enhanced outcomes, both quality and quantity

# **AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT WORKS**



Makes the **process easier** for job developers



Is a *leader* in the employment system



More and varied *employers* 



for repeat **business** 

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# Builds the employer *relationship*

# **KEY POINTS TO RELATIONSHIP-CONSULTATIVE SELLING**

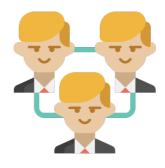


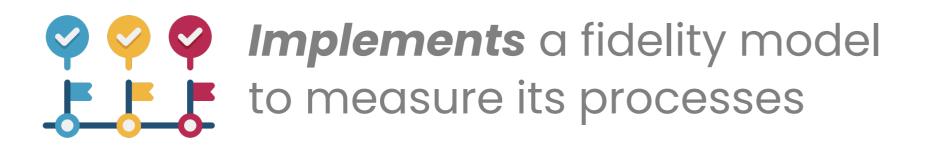
Needs to be output-driven





**Maximizes** the relationship with employers







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Staff is trained and supported on *consultative* selling strategies

Embedded in the organizational culture and practice

Build longer term relationships based on trust

# **JOB DEVELOPERS SHOULD ALWAYS**



### Know the employers needs before you present the

candidate

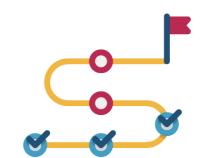




*Identify* hidden jobs before they are posted



Employer trusts you so they will trust your recommendation







### Work with the employer rather than advocate for your client

Follow up with job seeker and employer

## **JOB DEVELOPERS SHOULD BE CONFIDENT AND MANAGE PERCEPTIONS**



Help job seekers in self-discovery and independence





Clarify their needs of support around employment





Evaluate if they are MRD (Motivated-Reliable-Dependable)



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### Provide *motivation* and work training if needed

### Help them manage the working environment on their own

### Analyze and understand the consequences of their choices

# BUILD FROM FAILURE AND AIM FOR SUCCESS



**Confidence** is the **key** to all hiring decisions



Gain the employer's **trust** 



All hiring decisions are based on *perceptions* 



Move the employer's perception from negative or neutral to **positive** 



**Believe in the candidate's** MRD – Motivation, Reliability, and Dependability



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# **WORKING WITH CANDIDATES OF ALL (DIS) ABILITIES**

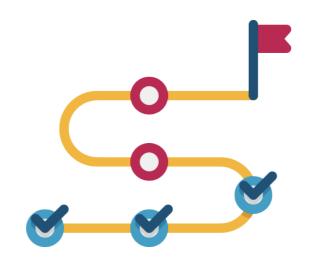


Prepare for the job not working out





Create a transition strategy



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### Candidates with a developmental disability may need from 3-5 jobs to settle into their *career path*

## Provide long-term support

