



Making the Case for K-5 Career Exploration Parent Fact Sheet

•Career Development is a lifelong process that begins in childhood.

(([Magnuson & Starr, 2000](#); Trice, 1991; Trice & McClellan 1993, 1994).



The Top 2 people with the most influence on student's careers are: **Mothers, & Fathers!**

Mothers tend to have more influence on the career decisions and aspirations of their children than fathers.



([Mickelson and Velasco, 1998](#)).

Parents are KEY! "When adolescents perceive their parents to have high educational expectations for them, adolescents are likely to have higher aspirations for themselves."



[Taylor, Harris, & Taylor, 2004](#)



How can you get involved to give your student the information to make the best career and education choices?

SHARE your family [career story](#) with students.



ASK about your child's [dream job!](#)

LEARN how your students relate careers and education with our [Career Puzzles!](#)

TALK about careers that match your child's interests by watching your child take the [Kids Search!](#)

EXPLORE your child's favorite schools with [Career Books](#) to print and color!



Practice SOLs and have fun exploring careers through games in [CAREER TOWN.](#)



•Half of a group of children aged 9 and 10 believed they had already made decisions that would impact their future careers

([Seligman, Weinstock, & Heflin, 1991](#)).

Students wanted to discuss career planning primarily with mothers.

([Mickelson and Velasco, 1998](#)).

Fathers tend to have more of an influence on their son's occupation choices.

([Blau, 1992; Blau and Duncan, 1967; Conroy, 1997](#)).

