What Shall I Be?  
Career exploration for parents and students

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SHATTER STEREOTYPES

PROMOTE EXPLORATION

ENCOURAGE INTERESTS

TRY THE CAREER FIRST
Career exploration

- **Ask often**: *What do you think you would like to be someday?*
- **Find ways to explore**: interview someone, spend a day with a professional, ask your librarian for books, look into classes.
- **Develop employability skills**: typing, computer skills, phone skills, dealing with money, dependability skills- setting alarms, being on time
- **What do area schools offer?** Summer classes- pre-college online courses at nearly all colleges and universities.
Exploration

Elementary school booklist
https://thecolorfulapple.com/2019/10/career-exploration-books-kids/

Career Ideas Challenge - middle school
https://www.brightfuturespress.com/career-ideas-challenge/

Education Planner.org Career Clusters Activity - middle school
https://www.monroe2boces.org/MSCareerExploration.aspx

Entering high school- 9th grade and up, NJCAN
https://portal.njcis.intocareers.org/
Let's explore: Education Planner.org (middle school)

http://www.educationplanner.org/index.html

Find Careers - complete 7 activities
Preparation for School
Paying for School
Self-Assessments
NJCAN Checklist - FOLLOW THIS ORDER & SAVE ANSWERS

1. NO LOGIN method: Click on **NJ Resident**. Select town and enter zip code. You can click in the ad box on the right to use the Spanish language version of the website.

2. **Get Started +**

3. Begin with **Assessments** - rate interests, create a career plan, see what is right for you. **Do Career cluster inventory, Interest profiler (long-180 questions or short-60 questions form).**

4. Explore **Occupation Matches** - answer questions about yourself

5. Learn about **Occupations** and **Employment Options**

6. Do **Occupation Sort** - select and prioritize factors

7. Find **Training Programs** and **Education** - identify your interest areas

8. Explore **Programs of Study**

9. **Create a list of schools/colleges/universities**

10. Learn about **financial aid, paying for school, and NJ Scholarships**
Let's explore: NJCAN (high school)

https://portal.njcis.intocareers.org/

Check with your school’s guidance counselor to see if your district has an account,

Otherwise you can log in without an account as NJ Resident.

You will need to take screenshots of the results. You can save them in a Googledoc.
Thank you!

Good luck!

Questions?