



We are so excited to be partnering with you in 2024 to get your students ready for work and ready for life. We want our quarterly customer newsletter to be a resource to help you as you implement your curriculum! We're always here to support you and your students! When you hear from us, you can expect:

- Best practices & implementation tips
- Upcoming conferences & events
- How to sign up for a refresher training
- Opportunities to get involved, such as:
  - Become a Wednesday Webinar Speaker to share best practices
  - Nominate an outstanding educator for our Excellence in Career Education Award to win **\$1,000**!
  - Become a Project Discovery & Achieve Life Skills Trainer

## GARY BATES MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CAREER EDUCATION - APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 ARE NOW LIVE!

Don't forget to nominate an outstanding educator who has used Project Discovery and Achieve Life Skills to make a positive impact in students' lives and in the community! The winner up will receive national recognition,

an award to display in your classroom or workspace, and \$1000 cash prize! Applications close on May 1, 2024.



# IMPLEMENTATION TIPS INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES & ACTIVITIES

#### Instructor's Notes

This section is your playbook to success! It is important to familiarize yourself with the Instructor's Notes for each kit so you can maximize your use of the curriculum! You can:

- Use the "Skills" section to inform therapists and other workers of the manipulative skills students will need for each kit.
- Create long-term goals for students by using the Conceptual Skills.
- Generate short-term goals or learning targets using the Acquired Skills. Eg, "Mix potting soil with 90% accuracy for two times."

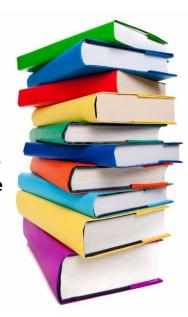
#### **Activities**

- Write role plays or situation cards based on job tasks from the career area. Students love to create these situations, so bring them into the creation process!
- Use the Work Performance Benchmarks that are in each kit they will document student performance. This data can be used to help students build their own resumes to present to employers.
- Use the Writing Portfolio activities to extend the lessons and address additional standards.

## EXPAND YOUR COLLECTION

Interested in expanding your Project Discovery and Achieve Life Skills curriculum? Schedule a quick Discovery Call to learn more about our offerings!







We are so excited to announce that we've started a FREE Job Ready, Life Ready Educators community just for you! In the group, you'll be able to:

- Ask guestions about the curriculum
- See how others are implementing their curriculum
- Share your success stories
- Network with educators from across the country!

JOIN THE COMMUNITY NOW

## FROM LEARNER TO **LEADER**

CELEBRATING OUR CUSTOMERS
TURNED TRAINERS



WELCOME OUR NEWEST TRAINER, VALENCIA BOYD!

We are so excited to welcome a new trainer to our Job Ready, Life Ready team! Valencia Boyd has experience in 4 different school districts in a variety of roles, including SPED Teacher, Student Services Coordinator, Area Administrator, & more. Her passion is helping students and teachers reach their full potential! To get to know this phenomenal life-long learner a bit better, we asked her a few questions.

## Q: What is your favorite thing about Project Discovery?

**A:** That it's all hands-on! I no longer had to gather materials and write my own curriculum with no support.

## Q: What are you looking forward to the most about being a trainer?

A: I've done many trainings and coaching sessions before, but I'm really excited to get the word out. I just want to tell everyone this curriculum is exactly what they're looking for!



## Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: I love to read and watch documentaries - anything that is self-help or DIY!

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER



Congratulations to Holly Myers on winning Teacher of the Year for Dutch Fork School District!

We are so proud of all the work Holly has done both in the classroom and as a trainer!





#### LEARN FROM YOUR PEERS

Did you know we have a FREE monthly professional development series? On the first Wednesday of the month, Webinar Wednesdays showcase educators across the nation! Guests share their stories about expanding on <a href="Project Discovery">Project Discovery</a> and <a href="Achieve Life Skills">Achieve Life Skills</a> to build the job readiness program of their dreams! From creating student enterprises to planning engaging job fairs, these techniques and best practices will leave you inspired and wanting more! Get caught up on <a href="past Webinar Wednesdays below!">past Webinar Wednesdays below!</a>

If you're interested in being a guest speaker on one of our Webinar Wednesdays <u>click here</u>. We'd love to hear from you!



**WATCH PAST WEBINARS** 



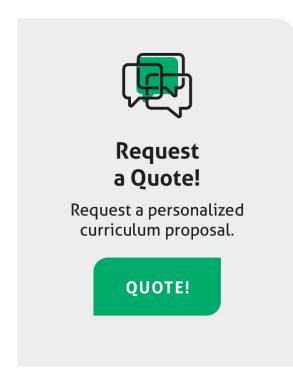
We'd love to catch up with you! We'll be attending the following conferences in the coming months:

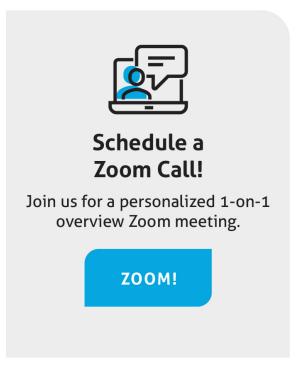
- Texas Transition February 28 March 1 | Houston, TX
- South Carolina CEC February 29 March 2 | Myrtle Beach, SC
- Michigan CASE Regions V & VI April 14 -16 | Chicago, IL
- Virginia CASE May 21 23 | Portsmouth, VA

We'd love to hear if we'll be seeing you!

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you for being our valued customer and for sharing our mission to get ALL students Job Ready Life Ready! Always remember, your friends at Education Associates are here to help! There are plenty of ways you can get in touch with us! You can call us at (502) 244-6944, fill out a Contact Us form on our website, send us an email at info@educationassociates.com, chat with us on our website or request a zoom here. You will always speak to a live person - never a robot or answering system! We look forward to our continued partnership!







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