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STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN CAREER EDUCATION & TRANSITION PLANNING FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM



Our February Webinar Wednesday was a replay of our most popular topic from 2024! With our live host Joyce Whitby, we revisited Dr. Karla Wade's phenomenal presentation from last spring! She walked us through practical things to keep in mind when working with students with autism.

How to Overcome Barriers to Career Success for Students with Autism

- Executive Functioning: Flexible thinking, task initiation
- Social Skills: Accepting criticism, handling conflict
- Daily Living Skills: Money management, health & wellness
- Self-Determination: Self-advocacy, goal setting



Foundations in Career Education

When it comes to students with autism, keep these things in mind when lesson planning:

- Real Is Better
- Seeing Impacts Motivation
- Sensitivities are a Struggle

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FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CTE MONTH!



Project Discovery empowers students of ALL functioning levels to build the skills they need to excel in CTE programming and thrive in their future careers. Ideal for Middle School CTE and CTE for ALL programs, Project Discovery bridges the gap to success.

Why is CTE Important?

Career & Technical Education (CTE) provides students with foundational skills to be successful in a variety of career pathways. Not only can students learn specialized job skills that correlate to a specific pathway, but they also learn skills like:

- Problem-solving
- Critical thinking
- Teamwork



CTE for ALL Students

Our Project Discovery: Adapted Series is perfect for students who need additional support before entering more advanced classes in a CTE program. With Project Discovery, students can:

- Gauge their interest in a career through practicing real job skills
- Gain experience using real tools of the trade
- Explore different careers in a low-risk environment.

Designed to **scaffold learning**, Project Discovery helps students build the foundational skills they need for success in CTE programs and beyond.



RECOGNIZE SKILLS WITH DIGITAL BADGE CREDENTIALS!

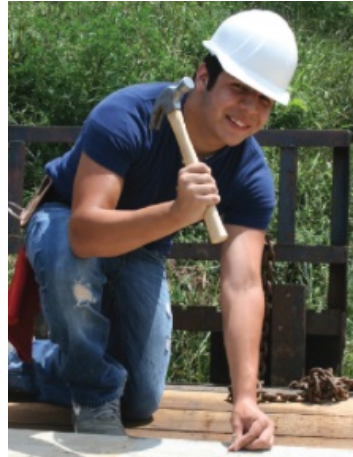
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Middle School CTE to Promote Lifelong Learner Success

Middle school CTE adds relevancy to students' learning experiences by exposing them to real-world options and connecting academics to career and college options.

CTE in middle school can also serve as a **key dropout prevention strategy**, mitigating many of the challenges students face as they transition into high school, such as disengagement or lack of preparation.



National Dropout Prevention Center

Model Program

“CTE is also a key strategy identified by the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network at Clemson University.”

PREPARE YOUR STUDENTS FOR CTE TODAY!



What Does Perkins V say?

Perkins funding has been expanded!

Perkins V grants permissions to include middle school in their Perkins supported talent development pipelines. Congress intentionally aligned Perkins V with the Every Student Succeeds Act, which defines middle grades as any of grades 5-8.

Section 135 of Perkins V requires that States describe how they will provide career exploration and career development activities through an organized, systematic framework. This framework is meant to serve students from middle school, through high school and beyond, helping them make informed plans and decisions about future education and career opportunities and programs of study.

A pre-CTE program would help ALL students be ready for success after graduation.

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WE  VISITING YOU!

We've had so much fun visiting our island friends recently! We've made our way from Saipan and Palau to Guam and Hawaii. At each stop along the way, we've been able to connect with amazing educators and talk about how they're getting their students Job Ready, Life Ready!



Visiting our friends at Tiyan High School that have been using Project Discovery for 2 years!



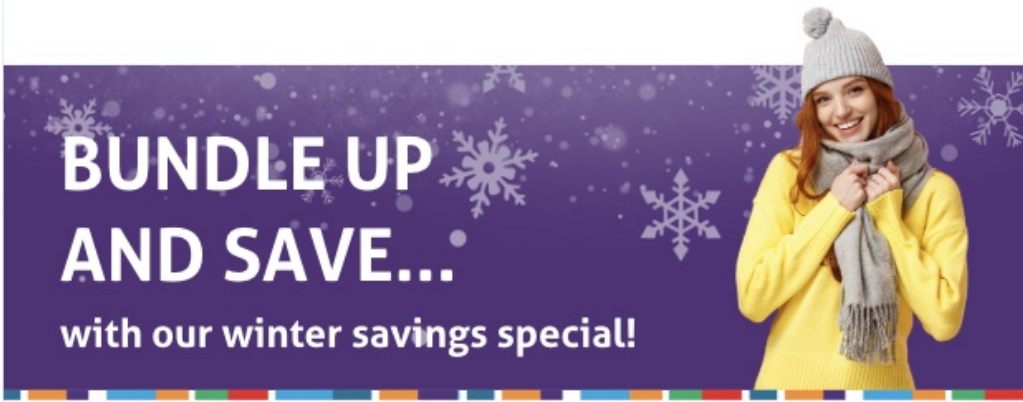
Educators at Da'ok Academy in Saipan receiving an in-person training on Project Discovery.



Presenting at HI Dept. of Ed's Approved Support Services Workshop on the importance of starting CTE early with equitable access to CTE for ALL.



Partnering with the Ministry of Education in Palau to further their national initiative for career readiness.



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