

Guideposts for Success At a Glance
Evidence-based Activities that Improve Outcomes for Youth

ACADEMIC & OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS

Michigan's High School Initiative

- Rigor, Relevance & Relationships for each and every learner
- Michigan Merit Curriculum
 - 21st Century Applied Learning Core
 - Michigan Merit Exam or MI-Access
 - Online course or learning experience
 - Accelerated learning opportunities
 - EDP – Education Development Plan

Other Types of Educational & Training Preparation

- Apprenticeships
- Trade & technical programs
- Certificate programs
- Associate degrees
- Four year degree programs
- Advanced degrees
- Professional preparation
- Military service

PREPARATORY EXPERIENCES	WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES	YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP	CONNECTING ACTIVITIES
<p>Assessment Formal and informal, hands-on and activity-based, Internet-based</p> <p>Opportunity Awareness Career research, speakers, informational interviews, community mapping, workforce trends</p> <p>Work Readiness Skills Soft skills development, computer competency, job search skills, interviewing</p>	<p>Industry Site Visits and Tours</p> <p>Job Shadowing Individual or groups</p> <p>Internships Paid or unpaid</p> <p>Entrepreneurship School-based enterprise, small business development, small business information centers, entrepreneurial resources</p> <p>Other Community-based instruction, co-ops, part-time & summer jobs</p>	<p>Supportive Adults Formal and informal, role models, mentors, family members, youth organization leaders</p> <p>Peer Mentors Supportive peer group, pen pal, peer role models</p> <p>Opportunities for Personal Growth Self-determination, self-advocacy, conflict resolution, planning</p> <p>Goal Setting</p> <p>Leadership Opportunities Leadership training and experiences, service learning</p>	<p>Academic Tutoring Peer tutors, community organizations, adult, individual, group, adult education</p> <p>Mentoring Adult/individual/group, E-mentoring</p> <p>Transportation Driver's education, public transportation, and alternatives</p> <p>Workforce Training and Postsecondary Education Vocational rehabilitation services, Michigan Works! One-Stop centers, post high school information & visits, employment options</p> <p>Accommodations/ Assistive Technology Consultation, awareness, devices</p> <p>Other Independent living services, housing, physical & mental health services, recreation, benefits planning, parenting classes, substance abuse prevention, etc.</p>

INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILY & OTHER SUPPORTIVE ADULTS

Parents, families and other caring adults who:

- Maintain high expectations that build upon the young person's strengths, interests, and needs and that foster their ability to achieve independence and self-sufficiency
- Assist and support them toward adulthood and are active in their lives
- Access information about employment, further education and community resources
- Actively participate in transition planning with schools and community partners
- Access medical, professional and peer support networks

Links to *Guideposts for Success*

Michigan's one-page summary version

<http://www.miconnections.org/summarychart.php>

Guideposts for Success (booklet format)

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/guideposts/

Employer Guideposts for Success

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/guideposts/#employer

The Road to Self-Sufficiency: A Guide to Entrepreneurship for Youth with Disabilities

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/entrepreneurship_guide.html

Negotiating the Curves Toward Employment: A Guide About Youth Involved in the Foster Care System

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/foster_care.html

Tunnels and Cliffs: A Guide for Workforce Development Practitioners and Policymakers Serving Youth with Mental Health Needs

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/mental_health.html

Making the Right Turn: A Guide About Improving Transition Outcomes for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Corrections System

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/juvenile_justice/10301_yj.pdf