

Resources

Spanish Language Web site Developed by USDE

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has developed a Spanish-language Website to help Spanish-speaking customers obtain useful information. Of particular interest is a link entitled "Publicaciones y Materiales," which contains information on all of USDE's publications that are available in Spanish through the Education Publications Center. The site also offers links to Web sites and provides toll-free numbers where more information on each topic may be obtained. <http://www.ed.gov/espanol/bienvenidos/es/index.html>

Thinkfinity Literacy Network

The Verizon Literacy Program Self-Assessment Tool (VLP-SAT) aims to help educators assess students' reading skills. Developed by the National Center for Family Literacy with support from the Verizon Foundation, provides standards that identify literacy practices linked to desired learner outcomes. Programs rate their implementation by comparing their current practices to examples of research-based strategies. Available exclusively on Thinkfinity.org, the VLP-SAT assists program staff, including administrators, teachers and volunteers, in improving instruction and assessment that result in measureable literacy achievement for students across the life span.

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/Best-Practices.26.0.html>

Results for Kids: Resources (RKR)

Developed by the IDEA Partnership, this online library of annotated information responds to several challenges and opportunities inherent in IDEA 2004 and the No Child Left Behind Act. The extensive collection centers largely on models, curricula, practices, policy, research, and resources generated in general education, ESL instruction, school behavioral health, and related services -- to the extent that these can be applied to improve outcomes for all learners.

<http://www.ideapartnership.org/rkr.cfm>

Achievement Gaps, Diversity, and Disproportionality

Developed by the Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC), this online library is intended to be useful for framing the discussion on achievement gaps, diversity, and disproportionality in special education and general education, and forming a foundation for improving policy and practice.

<http://www.rffcnetwork.org/content/view/195/47/>

Partners in Employment

Partners in Employment is a six hour self-study course designed to help people

with developmental disabilities find meaningful jobs and plan a career. Course participants will create a resume or portfolio of their strengths, skills, and interests; learn how to network and identify potential employers; prepare for an interview; and understand the hiring process. There are NO registration fees.
<http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/employment/index.html>

It's My Life: Employment

This guide from the Casey Family Programs is the first in a planned series of seven guides for youth transitioning from the foster care system. Expanding on the *It's My Life* transition framework, this practical, concise handbook is intended for child welfare professionals and others responsible for helping young people prepare for transition to adulthood and the workplace.
<http://www.casey.org/Resources/Publications/ItsMyLifeEmployment.htm>

Helping Young People Get a Head Start on Careers

Three hundred middle school students from around the country worked on a new website to link their interests and hobbies to future careers. The new site is offering online resources that cater to ages 11-15, seeking information about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Funworks stands out with its vibrant colors, graphics and photos, interactive games, quizzes, and more. Funworks was created by the Gender, Diversity, and Technology Institute at the Education Development Center.
<http://www.thefunworks.org/>

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a nationally-normed, multi-aptitude test battery that has been provided to high schools and post-secondary schools since 1968. The ASVAB was developed by the U.S. Department of Defense. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program was developed with input from a panel of career development experts and designed to encourage students to increase their level of self-knowledge and to understand how that information could be linked to civilian and military occupational characteristics. It was recently re-designed to be helpful to virtually all students, whether they are planning on immediate employment after high school in civilian or military occupations, or further education at a university, community college, or vocational institution.
<http://www.asvabprogram.com>

Education Planner by American Education Services

EducationPlanner is your one-stop career and college planning site. They have the information you need to research careers, choose a postsecondary school, apply on-line, and find ways to finance your education. American Education Services (AES) is a national financial aid services organization serving millions of students and thousands of schools through their guarantee, servicing, grant and financial aid processing systems. The funds generated are used to improve education opportunities and lower the cost of assistance for students and their

families while streamlining the entire process for the higher education community. <http://www.educationplanner.com>

MyMajors.com

MyMajors provides useful advice on university majors and college majors that a high school senior or first year college student with their interests and achievements might do well in. The site is an interactive tool for students planning to go to college.

<http://www.mymajors.com>

NCAA Eligibility Center

This site offers information for prospective student-athletes, i.e. someone who is looking to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or Division II institution in the future. <http://ncaaclearinghouse.net>

The College Board

Founded in 1900 the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT®, the PSAT/NMSQT®, and the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®).

<http://collegeboard.com>

The One Percent Coalition

The One Percent Coalition is committed to generating opportunities for workers with severe disabilities to participate in all contracts across the federal government. It is committed to the achievable goal of helping at least one percent (94,000) of severely disabled Americans find competitive employment.

Individuals with physical or mental impairments that limit one or more functional capabilities with respect to work are extremely disadvantaged in the world of competitive employment. With this understanding, we believe that government, business and the disability community can work together to achieve the modest, yet realistic, goal of improving their employment rate by at least one percent.

<http://www.onepercentcoalition.org/index.html>

The Art of Disclosing Your Disability

The guide, arranged in question and answer format, provides information on what individuals' rights are under the Americans with Disabilities Act, how to identify when to ask for a reasonable accommodation, and recommendations about when to disclose a disability to an employer.

<http://www.miltwright.com/articles/ArtOfDisclosingYourDisability.pdf>

Disclosure Decisions Guide: To Get the Job Fact Sheet

Every individual with a disability must choose whether to disclose (share) his or her disability with an employer. Primary factors to consider include whether accommodations will be needed on the job or whether a disability is visible or

hidden. Other aspects related to the employer and the company may also influence your decision. Follow this disclosure decision guide to determine what will work best for you.

<http://www.worksupport.com/research/viewContent.cfm/585>

National Job Board

AccessibleEmployment.org is a national job board dedicated to including employees with disabilities in today's workforce. This site is dedicated to closing the gap between employers searching for qualified workers and disabled candidates searching for employment. Started by the New Jersey Business Leadership Network (NJ BLN), which in turn was established with generous support from the Henry H. Kessler Foundation. AccessibleEmployment.org allows employers to include qualified disabled candidates in their employee recruitment efforts. <http://www.accessibleemployment.org>

AFB CareerConnect

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) CareerConnect is a free resource for people who want to learn about the range and diversity of jobs performed by adults who are blind or visually impaired throughout the United States and Canada. The program ensures people with vision loss have equal access to employment opportunities. The online resources are specifically targeted for employers, job seekers with vision loss, and rehabilitation service providers. The program also showcases the diversity of jobs held by people with vision loss.

<http://www.afb.org/careerconnect>

JobEnable.com

This web site aims to assist individuals with disabilities in finding employment by providing a vehicle where they can showcase their qualifications and talents to an audience of prospective employers. Job seekers are able to post resumes and search the job database for available positions. Employers are able to post jobs and search resumes, recruiting qualified candidates with disabilities who are the best fit for their organization.

<http://jobenable.com/>

100.com

This site provides access to the top career-related sites. These sites cover a wide range of materials and related information.

<http://www.100topcareersites.com/>

Careers.org

This site provides access to resources related to careers and career planning. The site includes a number of links to related resources for learning more about careers and emerging trends. <http://www.careers.org/>

Career one-stop

The Department of Labor sponsors this site which is a key source for

employment information and inspiration. It also offers information relative to managing your career and helping you identify a pathway to career success.

<http://www.careeronestop.org>

Employment Rights

This question-and-answer document address the application of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to people in the workplace

1. who are blind or who have vision impairments
<http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/blindness.html>.
2. with intellectual disabilities in the workplace.
http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/intellectual_disabilities.html