



## RESOURCES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY TO FIND MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Work experiences in school are a great way for students to acquire skills and learn more about their interests and preferences regarding employment. As an educator, it can be overwhelming to know where in your community there may be opportunities for employment. Below are some tips and resources to help you find meaningful employment for your students.

### 1. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce.

- Your local Chamber of Commerce will have information about what businesses are hiring.
- Invite a representative from the Chamber of Commerce to speak to students about the importance of employment.

### 2. Develop relationships with local businesses that are hiring.

- After learning about local businesses that are hiring, develop relationships with them by planning a time to stop by to tell them about your students.
- Ask if they would be willing to hire one of your students and describe how you would provide ongoing support.
- Invite them to come speak to your students about their business and the skills they seek in potential employees.
- If a student is hired, be sure to post positive social media posts about the business.

### 3. Ask friends and family members if they need help at their business.

- Friends and family members can be a great network to use in finding jobs for your students.
- Explain what type of job your students are looking for and the supports that will be provided to both the business and student.
- Ask friends and family members for recommendations on places within the community for employment.

### 4. Look online.

- After searching online for employment within your community, be sure to follow-up in person with the business.
- Provide examples on why the student would be a positive addition to the business.
- Use search engines such as [Indeed](#) or [Monster](#).