



Fun Bilingual & Academic Learning

A person who can speak two different languages like a native speaker is called 'a bilingual.' Encourage your children with bilingual study so they can speak both the native language and Korean well. <Fun Bilingual & Academic Learning>, an e-book created by the National Center for Multi-cultural Education of the National Institute for Lifelong Education supports the learning of multicultural students online.



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Career Talk Step 1:

Observation

Which language does my child use better Korean or the native language of the parents? In the morning when my child goes to school, does he or she have a bright and cheerful face? Which subject or activity is my child most confident in? How is my child when he or she is with friends? Talking to your child's teacher who spends a lot of time with him or her at school can be very beneficial to the observation.

Career Talk Step 2: Asking Questions

As a parent, you should hear out your children before giving advices. You need to ask questions to encourage them to talk. Ask questions to have your child talk about his or her strengths, talents, and characteristics, such as '○○, what kinds of activities make you feel happy?', 'When you were complimented by doing △△ at □□, how did it feel, ○○?', etc. Help your child regain his or her confidence by discussing a specific situation or a behavior.

Career Talk Step 3: Empathizing

Children who lack confidence have a hard time saying 'I am good at this.' Many parents will remember having frustration out of fear about the future, or of doing nothing well in your childhood. Talk to your children about your own childhood experiences. Empathize with the anxiety and worries that your children have, and tell them everyone is good at something, and that maybe they just haven't found the right calling yet. Most of all, remember that the love and trust from parents help develop the self-love and confidence in children.

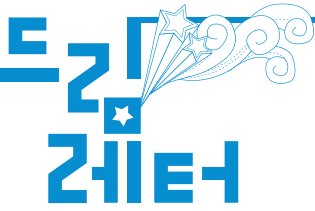
Career Talk Step 4: Finding Strong Points

A question like, '○○, what kind of jobs do you want to have in the future?' opens the door to various imaginations to children from multicultural families. What kind of dishes could a cook make, who has deep understanding of two cultures and two languages? What could a policeman who speaks two different languages do? What strengths would a bilingual have in the medical community? Let's allow our imagination to run free for a better world where children from multicultural families can make a difference. The adventurous career exploration for an imaginative future of a multicultural society will make encouraging conversations with your children.

With Dignity With Confidence First Step in Career Planning

People who know how special they are always have dignity and confidence in whatever they do. Positive self-understanding and self-confidence support the children from multicultural families in their journey toward finding their career paths.

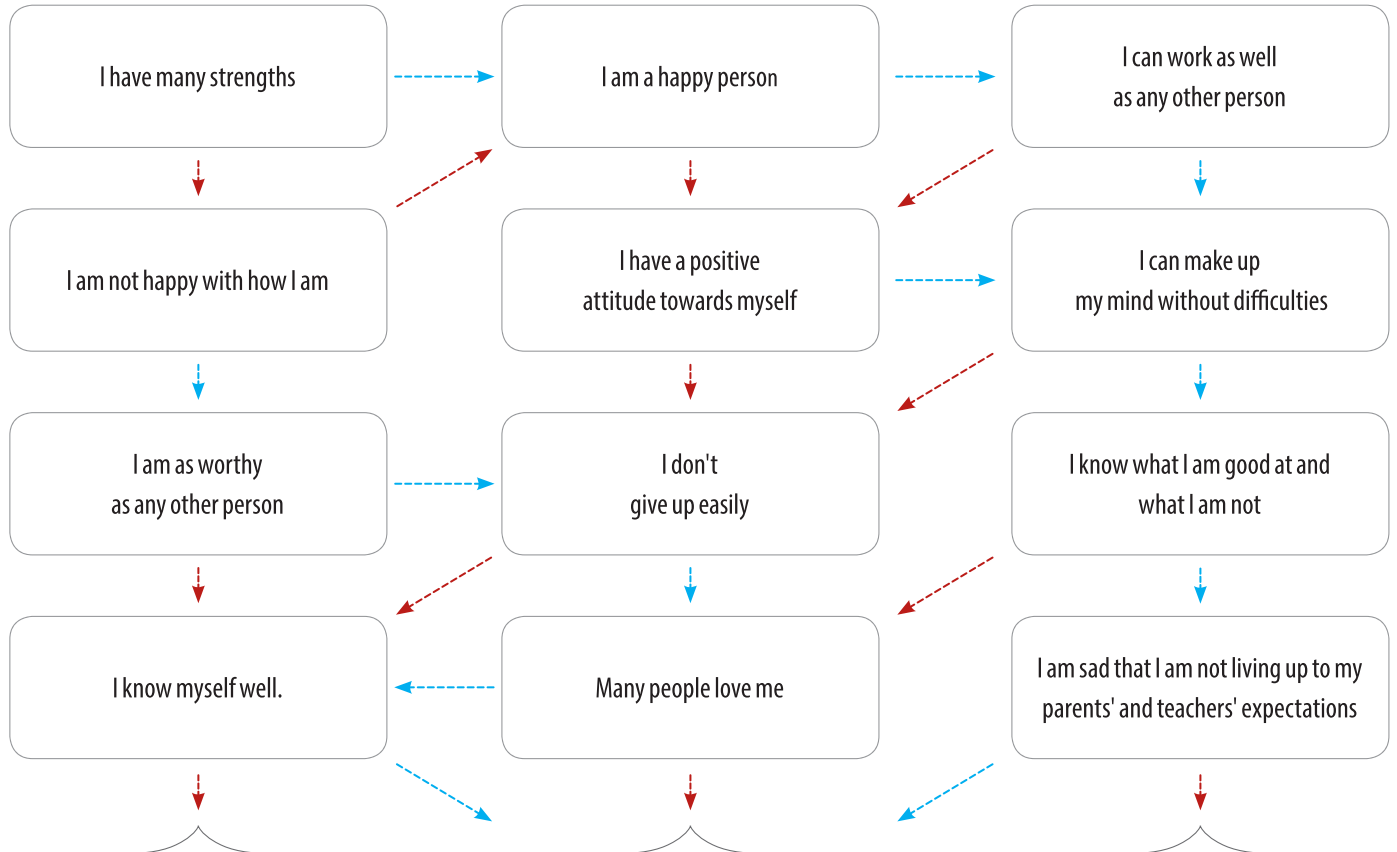
Let us learn how to have career talks that can build confidence in children from multicultural families.



The Start of Career Exploration: How to Help My Child Build Confidence

One important goal in career education is to help children improve self-understanding and think positively about themselves. If children understand that they are special and improve their strengths and talents, they will be able to start over when faced with difficulties during their journey of career exploration. How confident is my child? Go over each of the questions below and talk about careers with your child.

---> YES ---> NO



"Let's make that confidence reasonable"

Healthy self-esteem is a valuable asset for your whole life. However, excessive self-confidence can turn into conceit. Help your children develop their merits and talents to gain objective self-understanding based on 'reasonable confidence.'

"I love you today and I will trust you tomorrow"

Children will have full love and trust for themselves when they know that they are loved and trusted by their parents. Express how you feel and have an honest talk. Take time to talk about your children's career and encourage them to plan their future step by step.

"Everyone has own strengths"

Search for the hidden talent that neither child nor parent have yet to discover. The most important thing is for the parents to express pride in their children's career and life. Remember that parents are the mirrors in their children's lives.

Reference: Parent counseling material in <Teacher's Manual for Career Counseling for Students from Multicultural Families>

Visiting Education from the Multicultural Family Support Center to Develop Children's Confidence

You may receive help from professionals if you are concerned about your children's career planning. A visit by an education counselor or learning counselor from a multicultural family support center can provide children's learning, psychological support, etc.

Subject: Children between ages 3–12 in multicultural families

Services: Career planning, guidance in school life, Korean language education, parent training services, etc.

Application Procedure: Request service at the Community Service Center or the Multicultural Family Support Center near your location



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