

The Key to Career Guidance for Children that Parents Must Know

In the global era, Korea is becoming a multicultural society where people of various nationalities and cultural backgrounds live together. Let's find out what we must remember for career guidance for our children in elementary school.

The key to career development - positive self-awareness

Unlike infants who do not recognize differences, children may tease others for reasons such as skin color and appearance at elementary school. When a child is intimidated by the way people look at him or her, they may develop negative self-awareness. At this time, it is important to help your children develop positive self-awareness by explaining the importance of believing in and loving oneself.

It would be a good idea to explain how much strength they have as a global talent to understand two languages and cultures. A parent's self-esteem is the child's self-esteem. The most important thing is for parents to have such self-esteem themselves. If parents show that they perceive a multicultural environment positively and participate in it actively, children will grow up much more confident.



One more step to a career

A guide to living in Korea for parents who are marriage immigrants

The Multicultural Family Support Portal, Danuri, provides informational videos in 12 languages to help multicultural families and foreigners settle in Korea. You can find a variety of information ranging from child education to multicultural family support services.

Communication skills are the beginning of academic and career preparation

If your children were born overseas and immigrated to Korea, or if they have been using their parents' native language at home mostly, they may experience language barriers at school. Poor language skills in this period limit their communication, which may lead to difficulty in forming interpersonal relationships or to them quitting school. It is necessary to make efforts to solve communication problems.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family offer various programs, including education and counseling, to help children from multicultural families learn Korean properly. Help your children overcome language difficulties by utilizing the national and regional services. (Danuri Helpline 1577-1366)



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Inspire interest and career curiosity

Elementary school children do not have enough information to decide their career path, so they choose their dream jobs based on ones they have heard of. During this time, the children can change greatly. It is important to expose your children to more career information rather than set a career goal. Catalin Kariko, a COVID-19 vaccine developer; Elon Musk, the founder of Tesla; Vitalik Buterin, who created the cryptocurrency Ethereum, etc. Talk about a career with your children by sharing stories of various role models who have grown up in a multicultural environment and have global influence.

Compared to non-multicultural families, multicultural families do not have easy access to career and educational information and often lack understanding of the curriculum due to cultural differences. Visit your local family center (Multicultural Family Support Center) and ask for help.



*Reference: Ministry of Education, Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training
<Career Counseling (Guidance) Operation Manual by Student Type>
<Teacher's Manual for Multicultural Students' Career and Higher Education Guidance>

Career Coaching Examples for Parents of Multicultural Families

'Career coaching' is the process of discovering and developing the potential hidden deep within oneself. Let's take a look at some examples of how children's abilities and strengths were developed through career coaching.

It is important to set goals and plans together with your children and put them into action for their future. Use the examples below for career coaching for your children to overcome difficulties and adapt to the situations they are in.



Learn your parents' native language



Why should I learn Mongolian when none of my friends know it?



All of your friends go to an academy to learn English, right? But you can speak one more language without having to study. That is one of the greatest strengths of our family.



What can you do with Mongolian?



You can get a job at a Korean company in Mongolia, or do a lot of other things, such as interpreting and being a tour guide. Wouldn't it also be nice to be able to talk with your relatives in Mongolia?

Actual case

Chol○○○, a Mongolian-born officer who worked for the multicultural families in the local government, raised her children so that they could speak both Mongolian and Korean.

Source: Daillian, Aug. 2, 2016 <A Mongolian lady who corrected Mongolian fairy tales for multicultural education>



Have pride in your parents' country



Mom, I heard you are coming to my school next week.



Yes, your teacher asked me to teach children the traditional Cambodian dance.



Wow! Does that mean you will be a teacher? That is great!



Of course, next month, I will also have a cooking class for traditional Cambodian food at the community center.



I also want to be a person who can tell people how beautiful Cambodia is!

Actual case

Gong ○○○, a married immigrant from Cambodia, participates in multicultural activities, starting with interpreting at her children's school, improving self-esteem for her children as well as herself.

Source: The 10th education practice cases in multicultural families



Seek help from the local community



Did you enjoy the first lesson at the local family center?



Yes. I asked a question about something I didn't understand. They explained it in detail, and it made the class fun.



I'm glad you had fun in your Korean class.



And tomorrow, the teacher will visit me at home to have a lesson.



Really? Then you can ask your teacher about the things you want to know tomorrow.

Actual case

Student Im ○○○○, born in Uzbekistan, started getting interested in classes after learning Korean at a youth after-school academy.

Source: 2021 Youth After-School Academy Activity Contest Handbook

Know-how for a career path

Let's take a Korean lecture with your children who have difficulty understanding classes in Korean.

English



EBS Durian(ebs.co.kr/durian) > Korean Learning Center

*Reference: From 'Actual cases of career/higher education counseling and educational guidance for multicultural students in elementary school' from <Teacher's Manual for Multicultural Students' Career and Higher Education Guidance> by the Ministry of Education and the National Institute for Lifelong Education

