



Solutions for Career Concerns of Children from Multicultural Families

Our children start to think seriously about their career after graduation from high school. What are some activities that we can do to support our children's career path? Let's take a look at the examples of multicultural families who overcame the difficulties in deciding on a career path.

"I decided on my career and gained confidence through bilingual development"

University student Chae ○○ never talked about her parents beginning in her adolescent years as she was worried because her mother was Chinese. Then, after participating in a bilingual talent development program, she realized her strengths as a child from a multicultural family and began to dream of becoming a Korean diplomat.

The student Kim ○○ was born in Vietnam and came to Korea when he was seven. Despite difficulties, he studied Korean and continued to study Vietnamese in order not to forget his mother tongue. As a result, he received the grand prize in the bilingual speech contest, and was able to go to the Vietnamese Department at ○○ University of Foreign Languages.

Reference: The Segye Times, May 13, 2018
<Strengths of bilingualism... Rise of a 'New Multicultural Generation'>, Chungnam Ilbo, Nov. 24, 2021
<Students from multicultural families in Daejeon, dreaming to become global talents through bilingualism>

"Through club activities, I met friends and got a future goal"

After entering high school, ○○○ started to think seriously about his future, but it wasn't easy to find the career he wanted. Then, while looking for discussion materials on the topic of the 'US-China Trade War', he became interested in trade. He has since developed an interest in trade and is preparing to further his education in related fields.

Teacher Chae ○○ of ○○ Middle School in Gyeonggi-do says that children from multicultural families gain confidence through club activities. Migrant children who did not speak any Korean exchange help with friends in clubs and participate in mentoring programs for younger students after they enter the universities of their choice.

Reference: Joongdo Ilbo, Nov. 28, 2021
<My Adaptation Notes in Korea, Painful and Heartwarming>, National Institute for Lifelong Education.
<The 10th Multicultural Education Best Practice Contest Winning Works>

"I got back on my feet through the Wee counseling of school and the Office of Education"

Born to a Korean father and a Filipino mother, ○○○ complained of lethargy, saying that "my friends are busy preparing for college, but I have nothing to do." The Wee center of the local education office found the causes and solutions through active psychological counseling and parent interviews.

In addition, ○○○'s school offered him stress management and meditation through Wee Class and encouraged him to participate in activities that could help him develop career interests. After continuous consulting and career guidance, ○○○ started preparing actively to become an aquarist and was able to pass the final interview.

Reference: National Institute for Lifelong Education, the 11th Multicultural Education Best Practice Contest Winning Works



Career TIP Unlike other students who have difficulty learning foreign languages, children from multicultural families can naturally become bilingual at home. The benefit of such an environment can be an advantage for your children in the globalization of the career world.

Career TIP Teachers who have guided children from multicultural families on site for a long time say that "the key to multicultural education is making good friends." In particular, club and group activities where children can have the same interests and develop talents are a good opportunity for adolescent children to interact with peers and build deep relationships.

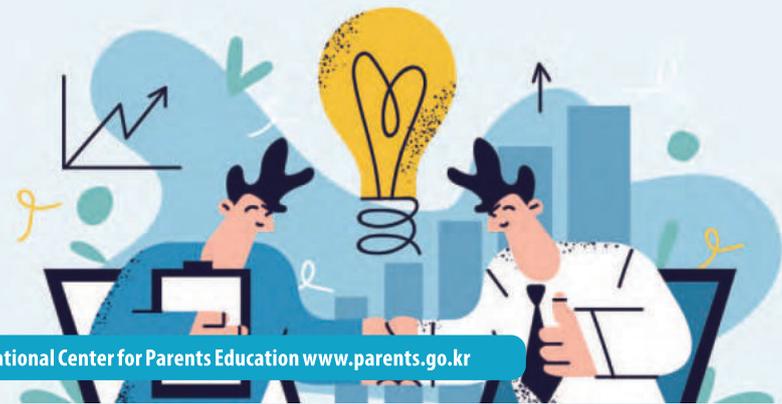
Career TIP According to a report by the Ministry of Education in 2022, the dropout rate due to maladjustment to school is the highest at the high school level. It is most especially when the children of multicultural families are not good at Korean that they experience poor academic performance and maladjustment in school. This is when parents need to monitor their children more closely to see if they need counseling or help.

One more step to a career

Talk about your career concerns at your local Multicultural Education Support Center

The Ministry of Education and the Education Offices are providing career counseling channels for parents of multicultural families through the Multicultural Education Support Center. Visit your local Multicultural Education Support Center and get help with your child's career concerns.

Education Portal for Multicultural Families(edu4mc.or.kr)
> Policy Guides > Relevant Organizations > Search regional multicultural education support center



How to prepare high school children from multicultural families for careers and further studies

The Ministry of Education, local governments, and local communities have various support policies and systems to guarantee the children of multicultural families the opportunity to enter college and grow into future talents in various fields. Let's find out about various career and higher education support systems that our children can use.



Use the special admissions for college entrance for children from multicultural families

In order to nurture global talents in a multicultural society, the government is continuously expanding the special admissions for college entrance for children from multicultural families. The names of the special admissions differ by school, such as 'equal opportunity,' 'opportunity balance,' 'social integration,' etc. However, most include special admission for children from multicultural families. If the student can speak the native language of his or her parents, it will be of great help in the 'foreign language special admission'. However, as college admission varies by school and it changes frequently, be sure to check the admission guidelines of your child's desired school and department.

Source: Korean Council for University Education, <2023 College Admission Information 119>



Psychology/emotion/career support service 'Wee' to heal children's aching hearts

If your child is experiencing a psychological or emotional crisis, such as a school dropout or lethargy, visit the nearest Wee Class or Wee Center. Wee Classes are installed in each school; there are also Wee Centers of local education offices and Wee Schools, which also support housing and medical services. A counseling system to help our children's psychological and emotional development has been established across the country. They can receive customized counseling for students as well as support for medical fees and visiting medical services.

Comprehensive support service for student crisis counseling Wee(wee.go.kr) > Counseling > Find an agency



Let's find out about the career/further education services in your area

The local education office is operating a career and further education service for children from multicultural families. Learn about the services for career and further education at your local Multicultural Education Support Center.

Reference: (Seoul) Seoul Learn(slearn.seoul.go.kr)
(Gyeonggi) Gyeonggi Multicultural Education Support Center(more.goe.go.kr/da)
(Daegu) Daegu Global Citizen's Education Center(edunavi.kr/multicultural)

Multicultural Portal Danuri(liveinkorea.kr)
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Join us at 'Rainbow School' to share concerns about children of immigrants and refugees

Rainbow School is a program that supports the social adjustment and settlement of adolescents from immigrant backgrounds. It provides not only language and cultural education but also psychological and emotional support programs. It helps immigrant children find their strengths and make future career plans through career exploration. Detailed instructions for participating in the program can be found at the link below.

Migrant Youth Foundation(rainbowyouth.or.kr)
> Information & Data > Brochure

