



Welcome to

***Oh, the Places
You'll Go!***
**(with apologies to
Dr. Seuss)**



Objectives

- To provide parents with a “big picture” view of career
- To explore the power of messages and their impact on children’s hopes and aspirations
- To suggest a few age-appropriate ways to engage in “big picture” career-related activities with children



Career is:

- Our life path
- The many roles we play along our life path
- The process by which we become the authors of our own futures and become the creators of our own life stories



Ideas that get in the way....

- Thinking narrowly about career as only what we are paid to do; and
- Thinking that the future of work can be predicted and as a result people should know and be able to decide on a definite career goal and plan.



Ideas that pave the way

- Thinking about career as the process of creating our own life story in which paid work is one component; and
- Accepting that no one can predict what the world of work will look like by the time our children are ready to enter the work world and that is OK.

A useful attitude is *Positive Uncertainty*: knowing the future is uncertain and being optimistic and positive about it at the same time

Career Wheel



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How Parents Influence

- The attitudes and behaviours you reward or punish, approve or disapprove of
- The expectations you have for them
- The examples you set
- The influence you exert on who is around them and who will be significant others in their lives
- The opportunities you provide for them to learn and develop
- The quality of the relationship you develop and sustain



Change is Constant

- We are constantly changing. Our world is constantly changing. Say goodbye to the old idea that you must pick an occupation and stick to it. Many of the jobs of the 21st century haven't been invented yet.
- Adaptability could soon be the most important skill to have, both inside the workplace and out.



Follow Your Heart

- Find out what you want. Go after what is really important to you. Let your dreams shape your goals.
- Use the energy of your dreams to help you learn the skills and take the risks you need to take to make those dreams — or any part of them — a reality.



Focus on the Journey

- Life is not a destination. Getting there is actually much more than half the fun — which is perfect, because as you evolve and life evolves around you, the place you thought you were heading may not look so enticing any more. Or, you may have decided you'd rather go off in another direction. Or to somewhere else that hasn't even shown up on your map yet!



Keep Learning

- You don't stop growing just because you haven't gotten any taller. You don't stop learning after you finish school.
- There are opportunities for learning and growth all around you.



Access Your Allies

- There are people out there in your family, your school, your community who can be valuable resources. They won't make decisions for you, but they will help you figure out how to do it for yourself.



Believe in Yourself

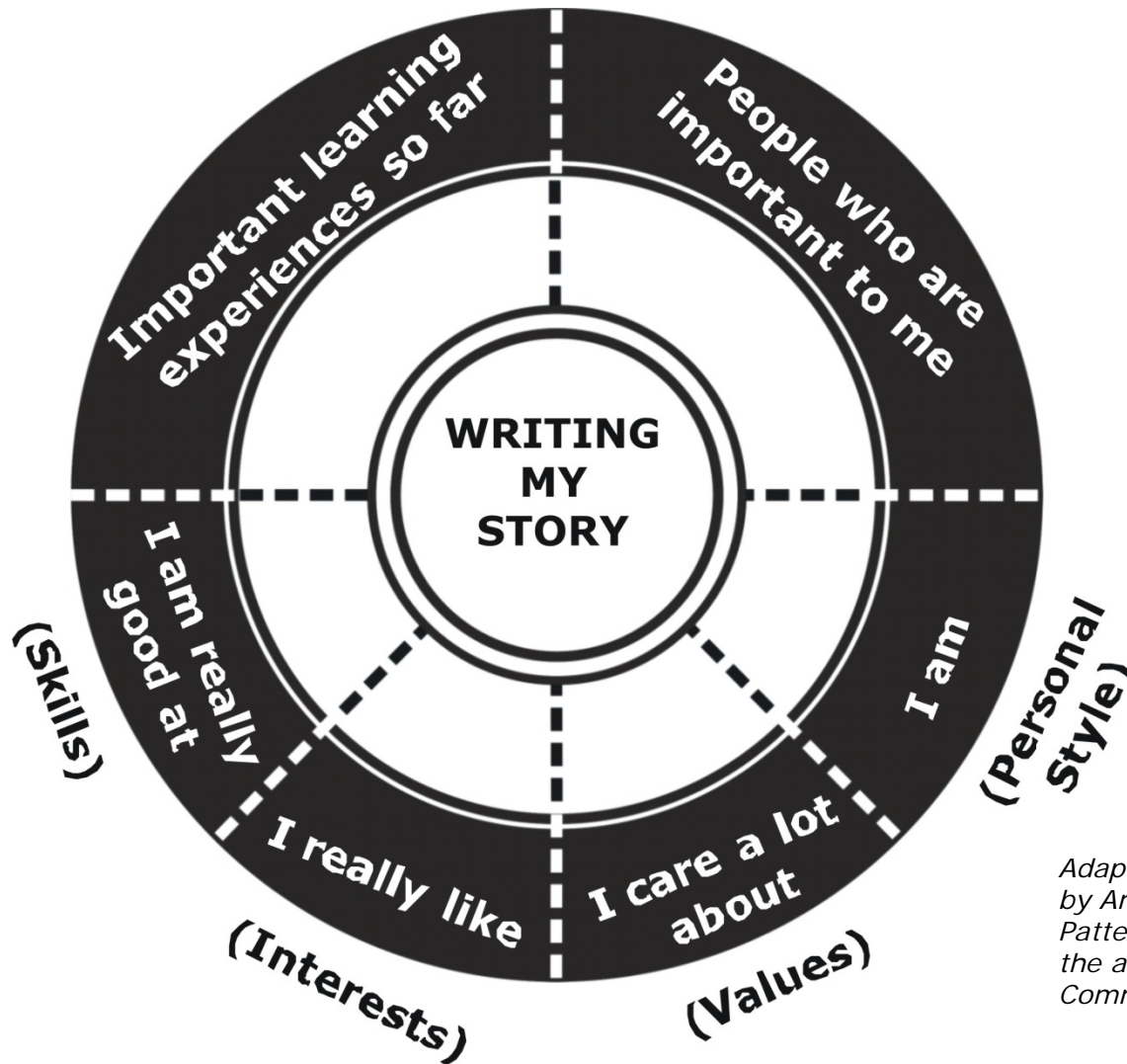
- Finally, always believe in yourself. Believe that what's deep down inside is something really worthwhile, in both good times and bad.
- Trust in your abilities to make it and know that inside you're OK no matter what happens.



Focus on the Journey

- What experiences would I want to make sure my child is exposed to?
- What values do I want to be sure to try to model?
- What skills/attitudes would I like to try to instill in my child?
- What specifically could I do to start living this message with my child tomorrow?

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***There are only two
lasting gifts
we can give our children:***

***One is roots and
the other is wings***

Author unknown



***Thank you for
attending and for
your participation!***