

Influences on Career Choices

Investigating Your Career

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CHAPTER 2

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Goals

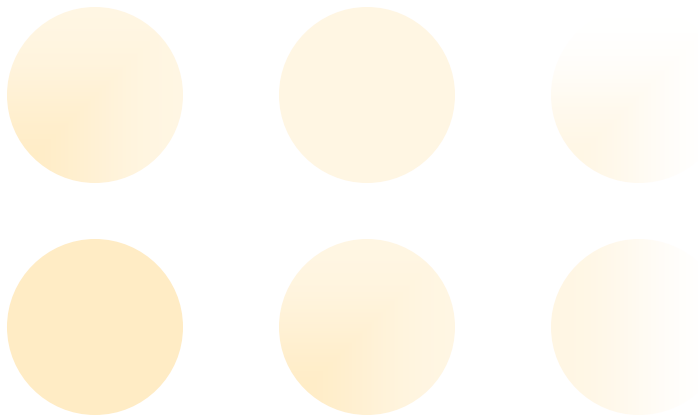
- * Describe how various influences can affect your career decisions.
- * Analyze how people influence you and your decisions.
- * Determine your preferences for a work environment.
- * Identify the values that influence you.

Influence

- **Influence** means the power of someone or something to affect you directly or indirectly.
- Influences may be positive or negative.
- Some influences may be stronger than others.

People Who Influence Career Decisions

- Parents and other family members
- Teachers
- Peers
- Employers
- Counselors



Parents and Other Family Members

Your family has the greatest influence on your career decision making.

- Expectations of family members may:
 - Influence your personality, passions, interests, talents—and career choice.
 - Be based on someone else's career dream and not express your own interests, talents, and passions.
- Encouragement from family can offer you:
 - Support.
 - Guidance.

Teachers

- Help you learn specific subjects related to particular career fields.
- Help you develop skills and behaviors needed for a variety of careers.

Peers

- You, your friends, and classmates influence each other every day.
 - What clothes to wear
 - What movies to see
 - What classes to take
 - What music to download
 - How to spend money
- Use *your* judgment.
- Remember *your* goals.

Employers

- Provide a way to try out various careers through part-time jobs or volunteer opportunities.
- Provide opportunity to observe other employees.
- Provide specific skills training.

Counselors

- Provide information.
- Suggest courses and activities.
- Offer career research options.
- Provide business contacts for career experiences.
- Help you discover your options.

Environmental Influences on Career Decisions

- Your **work environment** is made up of the surroundings and conditions of your workplace.
- Your **social environment** includes the community where you live and work and your lifestyle choices.

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Environmental Influences on Career Decisions

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- Do you want to stay where you live now?
- Do you prefer a rural, urban, or suburban setting?
- How important is the outdoors in influencing your choice of career?
- Do you want to be close to a place where you can continue your education?
- Is climate important to you?
- Will there be a future for people in your career field in the community where you want to live?
- Do you want to work around people or by yourself?

Influences of Values on Career Decisions

- Personal and family values
- Cultural expectations and values
- Economic values
 - Intrinsic rewards
 - Extrinsic rewards

Summary

- I can describe how the power of influences affects my career decisions.
- I have analyzed how people influence my decisions and me.
- I have determined my work and social environment preferences.
- I have identified the values that influence me.