

# "It's a Jungle Out There" (Employment Skills)

10:20 – 11:20 am

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## Workshop Description

This presentation will help families understand the road to employment is not one-way street. It is an expedition of skill building, following interests and connecting to programs and people.

Employment can look different for each individual and finding the right fit can take time, effort and patience, with the journey as important as the destination.



## Earn Your Badge:

**Learn:** About alternatives to traditional work.

**Understand:** The importance of contributing to one's community and how to nurture your child's job preferences & aspirations.

**Demonstrate:** How to develop "soft skills" your child will need for adulthood & employment.

**Find:** Resources to support your child.

**HOWEVER DIFFICULT  
LIFE MAY SEEM, THERE IS  
ALWAYS SOMETHING  
YOU CAN DO AND  
SUCCEED AT.  
~ STEPHEN HAWKING**

## Meet your Expert Guides



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