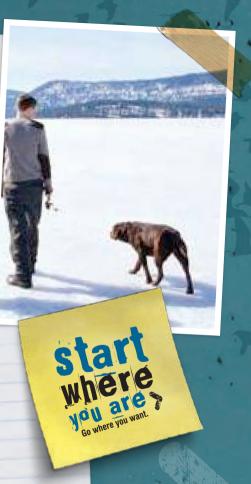
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Since summer 2007, we've been traveling around the state talking to teens about life after high school. Nope, we don't have any agenda. Well, except to show them all the different opportunities there are in Vermont and beyond. So how do we get them talking? Probably the same way you do: By paying attention to what they're good at right now, asking them about it, then listening to what they have to say.



look.

Nothing tells you more about your son or daughter than just watching them do whatever it is they love to do.

Is she the family photographer? Maybe she'll have her own photography business someday. Can he fix anything? Maybe he's a budding electrician. The signs are there when you look for them.

ask Invite them to have a meaningful conversation about the future? Yeah right!

Instead, how about asking, "If you could invite three famous people to dinner, who would they be and why?" Or, "If you owned a store, what would you sell?" We guarantee you'll learn a lot more than asking "So, what do you want to be when you grow up?"

listen

Sound simple?
Most good ideas are.

Sometimes, what teens need most is just a sounding board. Someone who can just listen as they work through some ideas. After all, Vermont really does have the right option for every kid. Take a look.

Colleges & Universities More than any other state.

Vermont has more colleges per person than any other state in the country. All those options mean there are programs for every interest and goal. Who knew you could study ski resort management or pastry arts?

Technical Centers Get the skills you need for the job you want.

Are you more of a "hands-on" person than a "crack-the-books" person? Explore these two-year programs that focus on a specific field, such as electronics, refrigeration, or culinary arts.

Apprenticeships Learn as you go with on-the-job training.

Otherwise know as "the classroom of real life," apprenticeships who you what it's really like in the field.

We know how busy life can be. use these notes to start the conversation or keep it going.

The resources are here.

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