Understanding Your Role as a Job Coach

(Lessons 6c)

Directions
You have now learned about the role of the job coach within work-based learning experiences. This activity will help you learn more about your role as a job coach in your particular school district.

If you are already working as a job coach, meet with your supervisor to answer the questions listed below. If you are working as a paraprofessional but not yet as a job coach, speak with a work-based learning coordinator or a current job coach in your district to answer the questions below. If you are not currently working in a school district, try to contact an employee in the district in which you would like to work to answer as many of the questions as possible.

Questions

a. What type of training is necessary to become a job coach?
b. What type of supervision are job coaches provided with?

c. How many students are job coaches expected to work with?

d. What is a job coach’s primary responsibility?

e. What should a job coach do to better understand the student he/she is working with?
f. What should a job coach do to better understand a student’s job tasks?

g. What should a job coach do to teach students appropriate soft skills?

h. What other activities or responsibilities are included in the role of a job coach in your district?