



Next Step **CARBON** *...for parents*

Start the Conversation Early

- Your Role Matters
- By encouraging exploration, keeping options open, and connecting your child with resources, you're helping them take confident steps toward a rewarding future—right here in Carbon County or wherever their journey takes them.

Encourage Exploration

- High school is a time to discover—not decide forever.
- Support classes, clubs, and activities that match your child's interests.
- Use resources like PA CareerLink to learn about different jobs.

Stay Connected

- Meet with school counselors to learn about career programs and opportunities.
- Network with family, friends, or community members in your child's fields of interest.

Promote Real-World Experience

- Encourage job shadowing to see careers in action.
- Support mentorships or internships in junior and senior years.

Leverage Local Opportunities

- Explore programs at Carbon Career & Technical Institute (CCTI) for hands-on training and career pathways.
- Explore the Next Step Carbon Career Experiences for opportunities for your child to get valuable in-person experience with local employers

Build Career Skills

- Teach the value of a high school diploma.
- Discuss how career planning is a lifelong process.
- Help your child learn to adapt, grow, and seize opportunities.