



Who We Are

TASC is a business and education partnership, with Taunton area employers and school systems. Together we have made a long-term commitment to expose students to high quality career development and work-based learning experiences that cultivate tomorrow's workforce. TASC fosters the development of youth activities that link the classroom and workplace, build student skills and awareness, and respond to the emerging needs of employers

About

Associates for Human Services, Inc.

AHS, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency founded in 1974 to meet a wide range of human services needs in Attleboro, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, New Bedford, Norton, West Bridgewater, Whitman, and the Greater Taunton Area (Taunton, Raynham, Dighton, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Berkley, Lakeville and Middleboro). We have been providing support services to infants, toddlers, youth, adults, and seniors experiencing developmental disabilities or delays, as well as families struggling economically and youth at-risk of educational failure, for 50 years.

Today, we have four programs: Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Taunton Area School to Career and Wise Adult Day Health. In 2023 AHS provided services to over 2,200 individuals!

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Taunton Area School to Career (TASC)

Career Mentoring

Empowering Youth to Succeed

by Bridging Business and Education to Improve Tomorrow's Workforce



Participating Schools

Berkley/Somerset Regional High School
Bristol County Agricultural High School
Taunton Alternative High School
Taunton High School



Purpose

The TASC Career Mentoring Program is designed for high school students who would benefit from exploring career and post-secondary education options. The program partners with several area high schools.

All mentor/mentee meetings, events and activities offer opportunities for personal and professional skills development, as well as career and higher education exploration.

Goals

Our Career Mentoring services aim to provide students with meaningful experiences which enhance, improve or increase their:

Attitude toward school

Understanding of the relationship between education and career goals.

Awareness of careers and educational options after high school.

Knowledge of the skills and work habits required to succeed in work and/or education settings.

Program Design

Designed to provide flexibility for mentors and mentees alike, our Career Mentoring Program offers several pathways for participation. Career mentors and mentees choose from a menu of TASC-planned tours, seminars and activities which take place throughout the school year. To provide a variety of scheduling options, these TASC-planned events occur during the school day, after school and during school vacations. In addition, mentor/mentee matches are free to arrange their own one-on-one meetings. Participants plan activities based on what works best for them.

Flexible Program Options

Traditional Mentoring

One-on-one mentor/mentee match

Matches meet between January & June

Expanded Mentoring

One-on-one mentor/mentee match

Matches meet between January & December

Beyond School Time Mentoring

One-on-one mentor/mentee match

Matches meet between January & June or January & December

Mentor/mentee meetings are almost exclusively outside regular school hours.

Alternative High School Mentoring

One-on-one mentor/mentee match

Matches meet between November & June

In addition to Traditional Mentoring, TAHS mentors and mentees take part in eight two-hour sessions between November & February



Career Mentors -

Volunteers from the area business community. Mentors are trained prior to meeting mentees and are provided support throughout the program. Many mentors return from year to year.

Mentees -

High school youth, typically juniors, though student's grade level may vary by specific school. Mentees are often referred to the program by teachers, administrators and/or guidance counselors. Some mentees ask to participate.

Results

Guided by personal career mentors, mentees explore a variety of post-secondary education and career options. The impact of a Career Mentor is strong and lasting. Mentees gain valuable knowledge about education and career options available to them, learn the preparation and skills necessary for success plus set goals and design a plan that provides direction toward achieving those goals.