## **Employment Pathways**

## Build your skills & experiences

What to do when waiting to join our employment experience programs

## Seek out new opportunities at home and school

There are lots of things you can do to build your responsibility, independence, self-advocacy, social skills and confidence. These are all important employment readiness skills.

- Participate in chores: Check out our How chores can help you get a job tip sheet
- Gain work experience through school: Speak to your guidance counsellor about options for co-op or gaining work experience through your school.
- **Volunteer:** Find opportunities on <a href="www.volunteertoronto.ca">www.volunteertoronto.ca</a> or see if your guidance office has information on opportunities in your area.
- Extra-curricular activities: Join a club or recreation or sports activity at your school or community centre.
- Learn to use public transit: You need to take transit to get to work. Practice taking public transit with friends and family.
- Explore jobs and careers: Read our tip sheet Choosing a career that is right for you

## Get more transition information

- Join Holland Bloorview's Transitions, Recreation & Life Skills mailing list: You will receive monthly updates about upcoming events, workshops and supports. Click on the following link: <a href="https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/programs-services/transitions.">https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/programs-services/transitions.</a> You should see a green banner at the top of the screen. Enter your email address and press "sign up".
- Explore Holland Bloorview's transition Pop-ups and other transition to adulthood supports: If you have not attended these in the past you must sign up for the "Welcome to Transitions" virtual pop-up as a first step. <a href="https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/programs-services/transitions/transition-pop-ups">https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/programs-services/transitions/transition-pop-ups</a>

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