

# Leadership Lexington Youth Career Explorers Program

## What Is It?

Modeled after Junior Achievement's Groundhog Job Shadow Day, the Career Explorers Program (CEP) gives students the chance to explore various careers beyond what their parents do for a living. It also provides an opportunity for students in at-risk situations to be exposed to career options they otherwise might not have the chance to explore.

## Why Should I Participate?

Need to be convinced? Here are just a few reasons to participate in CEP:

- Have an opportunity to interact one-to-one with local business and community leaders
- Explore different career interests
- Gain valuable "real-world" experience
- Link classroom lessons to real-life practice



## Job Shadowing Works!

An evaluation of JA's Groundhog Job Shadow Day showed a high level of student interest and enjoyment.

- 67% of students believed job shadowing taught them how important education is to their success.
- 86% of students reported their job shadowing experience had changed their attitudes about working. The most frequent changes cited included:
  - Gave me ideas of jobs I didn't know about before
  - Gained better insight into what working is really like
  - Changed my job interests
  - Motivated me to go to college

