

The First Step to Your Dream Career, Bilingual Development and Reading on Career

A multicultural family is a place where a bilingual environment is naturally created. Developing your child's linguistic talents can be an advantage for the child, and also help him or her become a competitive member of society in the future. In addition, if you guide your children to read a variety of books to develop their bilingual talents, it will not only help them develop their linguistic skills, but also set the direction for their career.



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Counseling cases for bilingual guidance concerns in different types of multicultural families



Children from multicultural families can be classified into children from international marriage families and children from foreign families. A child from an international marriage family refers to a child born to a Korean parent and his/her spouse; and a child from a foreign family refers to a child born to a family of foreign couple who moved to Korea before or after the birth of the child. Examine the counseling cases on the concerns about bilingual guidance from both types of families, and guide your children to realize that the range of careers they can choose as bilingual speakers is wider, and encourage them to work on their bilingual skills.

Concern in an international marriage family

The child refuses to learn the language of the foreign parent at home.

- ☒ Attract the child's interest by showing the parent reading books or talking on the phone in the native language!
- ☒ Start with listening to the parent's language and talking naturally in daily life!
- ☒ Show a more respectful attitude toward the culture and language of the parent's country, and create a natural atmosphere to have conversations!

Concern in a foreign family

The child only wants to use the native language, so his/her Korean doesn't improve.

- ☒ Guide them to various opportunities (ex. Bilingual speech contest) to recognize that bilingualism can be their strengths to challenge themselves!
- ☒ Use different tools (games, animation, songs, etc.) suitable for your children's level for them to get more interested in Korean!
- ☒ Set and practice the rule to use Korean at school and their native language at home!

Source: <Teacher's manual for career-educational guidance for multicultural students>, Ministry of Education·National Institute for Lifelong Education, 2017



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My story in two languages, National Bilingual Speech Contest

The Ministry of Education has been holding the Bilingual Speech Contest every year since 2013, to develop the bilingual abilities of multicultural students and to raise their self-esteem. Last year, 51 multicultural students who won the preliminary contests in the provincial and municipal education offices participated and gave presentations on various topics in Korean and their parents' mother tongue. This year, the national competition (The 9th National Bilingual Speech Contest) is scheduled to be held in early November. Participating students are awarded the Minister of Education Award or special awards through judgment, and given opportunities to participate in follow-up programs (The Multicultural School of Love with LG Language Course) so they can continue to develop their bilingual ability. So, please provide the opportunities for your children to develop talents and embrace the world by showing their abilities at the Bilingual Speech Contest!

Reference: YouTube (www.youtube.com)

> LG Multicultural School > The 8th National Bilingual Speech Contest [Main Part]



Career readings related to children's dream jobs

Refer to "Play with me Career," introduction for recommended books by job field at the Children's Library of Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education to recommend your children books to read on career.



Reference: Children's Public Library of Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education (childlib.sen.go.kr) > Search materials > special materials > reading information related to curriculum > search 'play with me career'





Multicultural Family Support Center In Our Neighborhood To Help your Child

There are a total of 228 multicultural family support centers in Korea to help youths and parents from multicultural families. Let's learn about the multicultural family center, which may be close but feel unfamiliar, and receive various benefits.



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What kind of help can you get from the Multicultural Family Support Center?



Bilingual development in multicultural families



Help your child develop bilingual skills in various ways!



Information on school admission for multicultural families with school-age children



Find information on your child's school admission through programs at the Multicultural Family Support Center!



Parents Education & Child Education Programs



Experience programs such as education for roles of parents, career guidance for children, health/life guidance for children, etc.!



One more step to career

Danuri Helpline, Operated 24 hours in various languages

Multicultural Family Support Center is a useful place where parents from multicultural families receive information. Basic information for adjusting to life in Korea, and the latest information related to multicultural families are provided in 13 languages. Danuri Helpline (☎1577-1366) is operated 365 days per year, 24 hours per day. It helps communication through online, visiting, and face-to-face counseling.

Source: Danuri (www.liveinkorea.kr) > Counseling > Multicultural Family Helpline > Danuri Helpline



Applying for programs at the Multicultural Family Support Center in your town



The Multicultural Family Support Center in your neighborhood accepts applications for various programs to help youths from multicultural families to explore and set their career paths. Find the programs to help your child's career paths through the website, and talk about a career with your child.

Region of parents (-do (province)--gu (borough))	
Phone No. of the multicultural family center in the region	
Name of the program you like	
Application period	
Questions	
Things you learned from your telephone inquiry	

How to search programs: Scan the QR and access Danuri (www.liveinkorea.kr) > Select 'Multicultural Family Support Center' > Set your region and find



Source: Multicultural Portal Danuri (www.liveinkorea.kr)
> Find Multicultural Family Support Center

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Danuri Helpline described by the Family Counseling Director of Danuri Helpline

Danuri Helpline provides information needed for daily living, plus various kinds of counseling on problems such as conflict between parents and children due to lack of communication, etc. In addition to calls, the counselee can also visit the center, or a counselor can visit families. However, due to the spread of COVID-19, the counseling is operated mainly through calls and online. Danuri Helpline provides interpretation and translation necessary for counseling to help multicultural families adjust to life in Korea, and provides counseling based on years of experience to resolve conflicts arising from cultural differences.

Source: YouTube (www.youtube.com) > Cosmos TV > Danuri Helpline counseling provided in 13 languages | Interview with family counseling director at the Korean Institute for Healthy Family | Rights and Interests of Multicultural Families Season2



Untact Era, And Career Education for Our Children

Amid the expansion of the future-oriented digital education environment where contactless communication is becoming a daily routine, online career experience tools have also increased. Let's open up new opportunities for children to explore various career paths with online career experiences free from restrictions on time and space.



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Experiencing jobs in advance online

Why not take a look at the job descriptions and qualifications required? You can check out several websites such as Career Net and Work Net, and the Career video YouTube channel of the Korea Employment Information Service. There are interviews with multicultural professionals in the career video series "Career Exploration is Key" on Career Net, with multi-language subtitles.

Restaurant owner

Father: Korean

Mother: Japanese

Job: I run an izakaya, a Japanese-style restaurant.

Benefits of being multicultural

I can speak two languages, so I could learn to work effectively at an izakaya run by a Japanese person, because I could speak the language.



Children's contents creator

Father: Chinese

Mother: Korean

Job: I create stories and songs for children around the world.

Benefits of being multicultural

My linguistic strengths helped me in entering the company, and since I understand differences between countries, it helps to select right components for the contents.



Multicultural professionals in our neighborhood

Barista

Origin: Naturalized Korean citizen
from Mongolia

Job: I make coffee.

Efforts made for getting the job

I studied Korean language and culture to adapt to Korea, and studied for three months at the Multicultural Family Support center to take the written and practical skill tests for the qualification as a barista.



Baker

Origin: Naturalized Korean citizen
from Vietnam

Job: I make delicious bread and cookies.

Efforts made for getting the job

I studied baking and got the job with help from the Multicultural Family Support center.
I also studied after work to take the tests for confectionery-baking, chocolate art, and hygiene certifications.



Reference: ① Career Net (www.career.go.kr) > Career Video > EBS <Career Exploration is Key>

② Work Net (www.work.go.kr) > Occupation·Career > Career Video·VR

③ YouTube (www.youtube.com) > Career videos of Korea Employment Information Service



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Multicultural Family Support Center communicates in various languages!

The Multicultural Family Support Center in Icheon-si received a presidential citation by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family in 2021. It supports nine types of interpretation services. The interpretation support group of 15 people, including Choun Lei and Cheon Suk, facilitate communication with multicultural families through interpretation activities. Let's discover activities that will help our children in the Multicultural Family Support Center.

Source: YouTube (www.youtube.com) > Korean Institute for Healthy Family > Icheon-si Healthy Family and Multicultural Family Support Center Part 2



National Center for Parents Education www.parents.go.kr

Mentor-Mentee Activities to Find Paths for Your Children

One of the best ways for career guidance is to set a direction for your child's career and meet a person with the job that your child wants. You can motivate your children through interactive online experiences with mentors who have their dream job.

Six steps to meet your mentor online

Remote video career mentoring operates "Student-requested remote video career mentoring" that reflects relevant topics and can be accessed at a convenient time. Let's learn about the six-step request process. Detailed explanations can be found through the QR below.



Filling out the remote video career mentoring activity sheet

Fill out the activity sheet below with your child, and request a student-requested class based on its contents.

Source : Remote video career mentoring
(mentoring.career.go.kr/school)
> Community > Request a class > Request a class
> Click individual class and fill in request information



Desired date of the class	Friends to take the class with me
Desired occupation of the mentor	Three questions before the class



Source: YouTube (www.youtube.com) > Career Recipe for Parents > [Career Guide] Guidelines for using remote video career mentoring



Career TIP

The Guidebook for Living in Korea published by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family is a booklet that provides information on multicultural family support, Korean culture, life in Korea, etc. to help multicultural families in Korea to adjust to life in Korea. It is provided in 13 languages, and can be downloaded from the Danuri Portal website and through Danuri app. You can find details from Contents number 2 "Multicultural Families and Foreigner Support Services."

Source: Multicultural Portal Danuri (www.liveinkorea.kr)
> Living in Korea > Guidebook for Living in Korea



Case Studies to Learn about Our Children's Career Concerns

Let's think about how to talk to our children about their career paths based on the counseling cases of career concerns of youths from multicultural families.

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"What do you need to do to become a cook in Korea?"

Father: Korean; Mother: Chinese



I want to become a cook, but I don't know what to do to begin a cooking profession in Korea. It seems that everyone has a university degree to secure an occupation. Do you need to go to a university to become a cook?

There are some people who learn to cook in universities, but it is not required. You can find various routes to become the cook you want to be if you look at cooking careers in the <Information on career paths for 50 occupations> published by the Ministry of Education. There is also a test for a qualification as a craftsman cook in Korea. Why don't you start studying to prepare for the test for craftsman cook?



I see, it may be helpful to have a goal. However, my Korean isn't very good yet. Can I still take the written test?

The written test may not be easy, but if you keep studying for the license, your Korean will also get better naturally. I hope you don't give up easily.



I won't. Thank you.

Counseling TIP Check to see if there are restrictions on your child's dream career before guiding them. If there are any restrictions, have a conversation with your child to decide on how to deal with it!

"Can a multicultural student become a pilot?"

Father: Pakistani, Mother: Pakistani



I was raised in Pakistan and came to Korea 6 years ago. I look different from Koreans. I wonder if multicultural students can also become pilots, how much you need to study, and what school you need to go to.

To learn about basic information on career, you can use <Career Net>. If you search an occupation, you can see the details such as related qualifications, etc. However, you need to go to the military to become a pilot. The most widely known way to become a pilot is to finish the air force academy first, but you need to have Korean citizenship to enter the academy. Since you have Pakistani nationality, I think you first need to be naturalized as a Korean citizen.



I will have to talk to my parents about giving up my Pakistani nationality.

Counseling TIP Guide your children to find helpful materials about their career paths and shape it on their own. In addition, don't forget to encourage them to have confidence in themselves!

Source: ① <School Career Counseling for Multicultural Students (Guidance) operation manual >,
Ministry of Education/Korea Research Institute for

Vocational Education & Training, 2016

② Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training (www.krivet.re.kr) >

Information on career paths for 50 occupations



National Center for Parents Education www.parents.go.kr



Find a Solution to Your Children's Career Concern At a Multicultural Family Support Center

The Multicultural Family Support Center, a place to solve your children's career problems, is available in 228 locations nationwide. What kind of help can you get from the Multicultural Family Support Center?



Parent Education & Child Education

Provides support for education for roles of parents, career guidance for children, health and life guidance for children!



Counseling services

Take care of your child's health of mind through individual counseling, group counseling, and connection to external counseling agencies!



Visiting education services

Immigrated children with less than 5 years of stay in Korea since their first entry are provided with visiting Korean education services!



Case management support

Receive customized comprehensive services such as psychological/emotional stability and support for self-reliance capabilities!



Support for language development of children from multicultural families

Receive language education based on the evaluation of your children's language development, and learn how to educate your children!

The Multicultural Family Support Center can help resolve conflicts between parents and children from multicultural families. Find out how the Multicultural Family Support Center can help resolve conflicts from Career Recipe for Parents > [Dahaeng TV] video.



Source: YouTube (www.youtube.com) > Career Recipe for Parents > [Dahaeng TV] Cases of overcoming conflicts between parent and children from multicultural families



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Filling out the career counseling sheet for my child

You may find the Multicultural Family Support Center in your region from Danuri Portal (www.liveinkorea.kr) or through Danuri app. Write down your career concerns and the problem you need counseling on, and find and call the number of the Multicultural Family Support Center in your region.

Career concerns	
I need counseling on	
Phone No. of the nearest Multicultural Family Support Center	
Write down the progress after calling	

