

VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS



Thank you for participating in Test Drive...Next Stop Reality! Your job as a volunteer will be to guide students through making purchases while they create a monthly "adult" budget.

Students are approximately 25 years old, have chosen an occupation, and have determined their net monthly income. They may be single, single with a child, married, or married with a child. These important life details should be displayed on their name tags. If not, the front page of their Student Status Packets will list this information. Their life status will be a factor in what they will need to purchase from your station.

Child Care

Each student will visit your table, **whether they have a child or not.** (Note: If a student has a child, they will only have ONE child. Children's ages range from newborn to 4 years old.)

Ask, "Do you have a child?"

If YES: Take a moment to find out the age and name of their child. This will make the experience personal for them. It is required for you to know the age of their child because the three decisions they will make at your station are based on the child's age. Once you know how old the child is, you may start leading the student through the options on the Station Guide.

- **Section 1:** All students with a child will need to choose either an In Home or Day Care Center option *with the exception of Active Duty Military Personnel, who pay \$0 for Day Care.* Briefly discuss the differences that are listed as bullet points on the Station Guide. For instance, students with children ages 3 or 4 may want to use a Center for preschool programing.
- **Section 2:** Students with a child under age 3 will need to choose between Disposable and Cloth Diapers. Again, briefly discuss the bulleted details of each option to help guide their decision. Students with a child age 3 or older will not need to make a choice in this section, but will still need to be aware of the costs.
- **Section 3:** Students with a child under age 1 will need to choose between Bottle and Breast Feeding. Students with a child age 1 or older will not need to make a choice in this section, but will still need to be aware of the costs.

For each section, the student will record their choice and its corresponding cost on their Road Map and total it. They will then write the total amount in the Transaction Register of their Student Status Packet and subtract it from their balance.

If NO: If students do not have a child, you will simply discuss the options listed on the sheet to give them an awareness of the financial responsibilities of a child.

Acknowledge the transaction/discussion has taken place by stamping the right column of the Child Care section of their Road Map.

***Child Care is on page 1 of the Road Map ***

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