High School Dropouts and Preventing

To prevent high school dropouts is very important to me. I believe that education is very important and without it you will not succeed. Teen who generally dropout of school usually live in poverty, have children at an early age, or face unemployment. Generally more than this can just happen. In this economy you have to have a good job in order to make a good living. Children who drop out of school have a difficult future.

Many students who drop out of school do not think of the consequences, and what may happen to them. Most students find out they are not prepared for what happens to them after they dropout. They are not finished maturating physically, mentally and emotionally. So they often find it a challenging to make an independent living. In adulthood you have to face many difficulties and you not being mentally prepared for that are hard on you. They are more likely to face job prospects, experience lifelong dependence on social service systems, use illicit drugs, become involved in the juvenile justice system, and become teen parents.

Why Do Youth Drop Out?

Many reasons why teens dropout of High School;

When youth drop out of school, it isn’t always an intentional decision. Many say they simply stopped going to school one day and no one objected. Some youth may drop out because they have problems with teachers, dislike school, or receive low grades. Other youth, however, leave school because of problems not directly related to academics, such as financial needs, family caretaking responsibilities, employment, or pregnancy. Others drop out because they think that principals or teachers wanted them to. (Leuchovius)
Ways to prevent dropouts:

Teachers and parents can help prevent many of the drop outs that happen each year. Some examples to help prevent some of the dropouts are, mentoring and tutoring. Mentoring is a one-to-one caring, supportive relationship between a mentor and a student that is based on trust. Tutoring, also a one-to-one activity focuses on academics and is an effective way to address specific needs such as reading, writing, and math. Family engagement, family involvement has a direct, positive effect on children’s achievement and is the most accurate predictor of a student’s success in school.

If we try to do some of these things try to make education fun or something we could probably prevent many of the drop outs that are happening. We should find out how students like to learn and mix and match with the learning ways. Meaning mixing their way up with the teacher way of learning. Family involvement is very important if the child feel like one is not interested in them they are most likely to drop out of school at an early age.

Some or many students rather do other things then go to school. Hang out with their friends or just don’t feel like going to school. Parents now days can get in trouble for their children not going to school regularly. Dropping out of school is not a good idea over all just because of the consequences. And you will not be prepared for the real world.

When there is a problem in school.
If your child is not doing well or is beginning to have problems in school;

• Sometimes, a child’s personality may clash with that of the teacher or another student. Meet directly with the teacher to determine if there is a problem or if there has been a misunderstanding. In some cases, it may benefit everyone if you request that your child be transferred to a different classroom.
• Monitor your child’s attendance and school performance. Periodically check in with your child’s teachers to find out how things are going.
• Concentrate on your child’s goals. Instead of focusing on why he/she is unsuccessful in school, have your child identify his/her future goals; develop a list of school, home, and personal barriers to reaching those goals; and devise strategies to address the barriers.
• If you think your child may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, contact the school guidance counselor or a substance abuse counselor, help line, or organization for information and advice. (Leuchovius)

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