

## Mission

The mission of Taunton Area School to Career (TASC) is to ultimately contribute to the economic and social well-being of the community by offering school age youth opportunities to seek and understand the skills and training necessary for living and working in the 21st century.

## History

The Taunton Area School to Work partnership was created in 1995 as a result of the National School to Work Opportunities Act. In 1998, the partnership incorporated to become Taunton Area School to Career, Inc. In 2015, TASC merged with Associates for Human Services, Inc. and is currently one of their four programs.

TASC is a partnership of employers and school systems in the Taunton area who have made a long-term commitment to exposing students to high quality learning experiences that will prepare them for the careers of tomorrow. TASC will foster the development of programs that link the classroom and the workplace, build student skills and awareness, and respond to the emerging needs of employers.

### Taunton Area School to Career:

- Encourages students to become aware of and explore a variety of careers available to them
- Provides the necessary linkage between school and the world of work to better their understanding
- Provides experiences that help prepare students for careers & post-secondary success

*"One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."*

- Anonymous



### Become a Mentor

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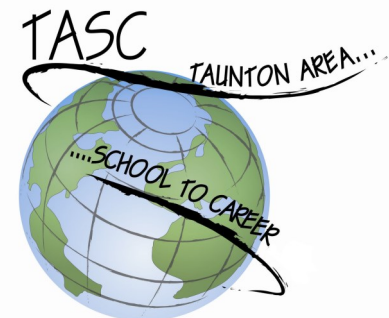
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Taunton Area School to Career

*"Bridging business and education to improve tomorrow's workforce"*

### Participating Schools

Bristol County Agricultural High School

Taunton Alternative High School

Taunton High School



TASC, a Program of Associates for Human Services, Inc.



## Career Mentor Program

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The Career Mentor Program is a product of the collaborative effort between Taunton Public Schools and the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce. Together, they formed a Business Education Partnership in 1988 and soon after, the Career Mentor Program was born at Taunton High School. In 1995, Taunton Area School to Career was formed among five school districts. As part of its mission, the local partnership took over the coordination of the Career Mentor Program and expanded it.

The program is designed for high school students, who are interested in career exploration. The goals of the program are to:

- Enhance a student's awareness of the many opportunities within the local community.
- Familiarize students with the skills and work habits that are required of employees.
- Reinforce the importance of school responsibilities.
- Provide the students with the opportunity to interact with their mentors and discuss their concerns about their futures in the working world.

## About the Career Mentor Program

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The Career Mentor Program starts in October and wraps-up in May/June. Mentors are asked to meet with their mentees at least 6-8 times during that period. Meetings can include tours of local businesses, local colleges and trade schools (arranged by TASC), discussion of career opportunities and review of the student's high school and long range goals.

Mentors are asked to bring their student to their particular area of work to job shadow. Mentors are also encouraged to share their own personal interests, hobbies, values, goals, ideals and personal work ethics. Mentors who get (and give) the most from their mentoring experience are those who are great listeners, have a sincere interest in teenagers and are able to reflect on what they learn about themselves as well as their mentee.



## Wrap-Up Breakfast

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The Career Mentor Program ends with a Wrap-Up Breakfast at each high school that is attended by students, mentors, school administrators and TASC staff. The breakfast gives everyone involved a special sense of closure.

Although the number of mentors has doubled over the past few years, there are ALWAYS students on the waiting list.

