

Session Four

Preparing and Paying for College

ACTIVITY D: Visit from a Professional (to be arranged in advance)

Professional Guest Speaker

Call the financial aid office of a college or university in your area. Tell them about your ParentShop and invite a staff member to make a presentation to your group. You might explain what you have covered (or will) and suggest that he/she could be most helpful by covering education tax credits, state and federal programs, IRAs, and other savings strategies. He/she might also talk about financial aid policies, the FAFSA, or other topics your parents have identified.

Objectives: Parents will –

- Review the sources/kinds of financial aid
- Learn about federal and state programs
- Identify several savings strategies

Materials needed:

- Check with your guest to determine needs. Offer to gather or duplicate.

OVERVIEW

This activity is designed to give parents a look at the many facets of financial aid and address specific parent concerns and questions that were identified at an earlier session.

ACTION

- Introduce your speaker (ask for bio in advance).
- Allow time for questions at the end of the presentation.