

What's New with Kids– October 2004

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Site of the Month

This month we feature a Web site where you can read about Casey Life Skills, “a suite of complimentary tools to help teach youth the skills they need.” Sponsored by Casey Family Programs, this resource provides life skills information for caregivers, educators, and social-services providers to help “prepare youth for successful adulthood.” The six complimentary tools are Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA), Life Skills Guidebook, ACLSA and Life Skills Guidebook Manual, Ready, Set, Fly!, Training, and Data and Reports.

One of the tools, Ready, Set, Fly!, is a resource developed for caregivers to help them teach youth skills necessary to live on their own. Initially intended for foster parents, it is a useful resource for all parents. The skills, which are divided into six areas (Daily Living Skills, Housing Transportation, and Community Resources, Money Management, Self-Care, Social Development, and Work and Study Skills), are rated on difficulty for different age groups. Level 1, for example, is for youth ages 8-10 years. A recommended daily living skills activity is using a doll to teach basic first aid to children ages 8 to 10. A recommended activity for older children is attending first-aid classes.

For those of you not interested in the youth component of the ACLSA, but enjoy completing surveys, check out the ACLSA Adult Assessment to see how well you do on daily living tasks!

Casey Life Skills can be accessed at: <www.CASEYLIFESKILLS.>.

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