Pathways Towards Success

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What do you want your life to look like at age 30?

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Are you **Sliding...**

or **Deciding?**

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Why do people end up in relationships that don’t work?

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The “love chemicals”

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- Talk
- Experiences

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Good decisions require good information.

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Decisions You Can Make...

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Expectations for Your Future

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The Success Sequence: His Story

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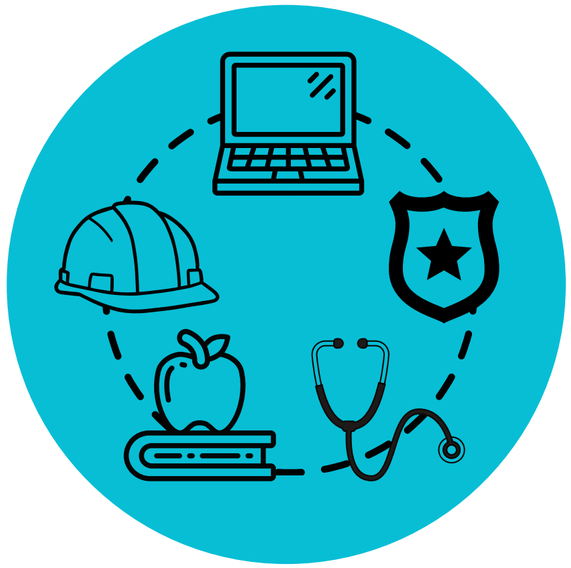
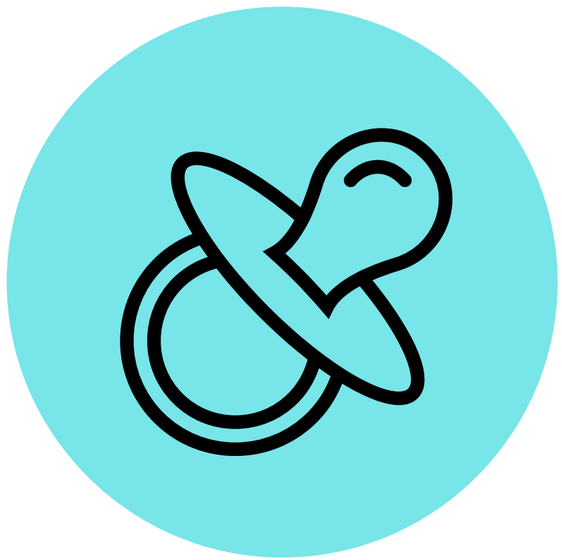
Milestones





A certain number, combination, and sequence can matter

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Key Essentials for Increasing Your Odds of Higher Income

Education/Training

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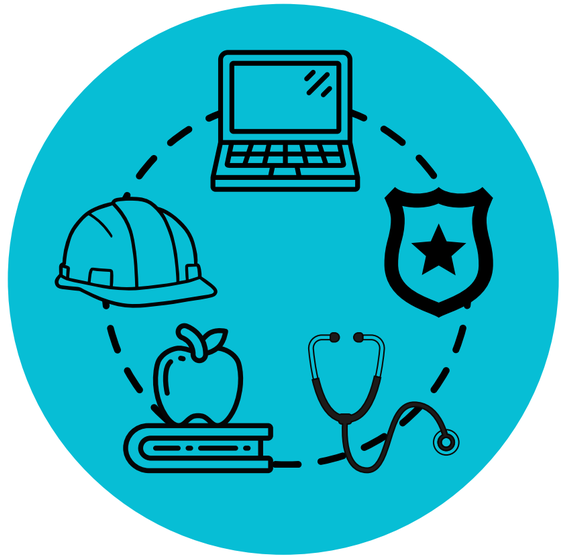

Full-time Employment

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Adding to Income

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If you hope to have kids someday, what kind of life would you want to be able to offer them? What would you need in place–emotionally, financially, relationally–to give them the life you dream about?

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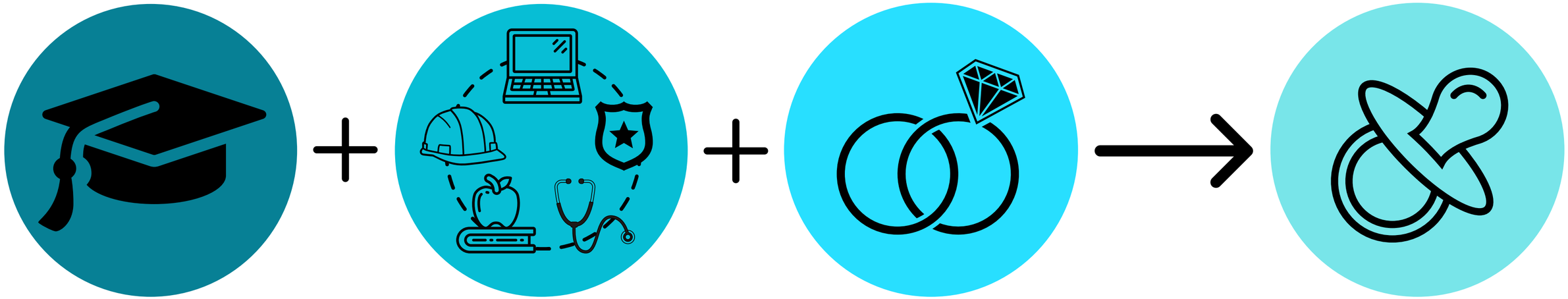
When Children are Part of Your Vision



Marriage before baby

Advantage of Combination and Sequence

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Does when you marry matter?

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Key Takeaways

What were your key takeaways?

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Key Takeaways

1. Gathering information and slowing down–especially in our relationships–allows us to make decisions that keep us moving toward our goals.

2. Following the Success Sequence significantly increases your chances of not being poor and of having a more stable and happy family life by your mid-30s.

3. If you want to have kids, marriage matters.

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My Success Plans

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Homework

Share your success plans with a parent or trusted adult. Talk with them about what you learned today, and discuss these prompts:

- **"Tell me about a time in your life where you (or someone you knew) slid into a decision. What was the result? What could you/they have changed?"**
- **"Tell me about a time in your life where you gathered information to help you make a good decision. What was the result?"**

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