This science-based guide describes how you can become a confident ‘decision mentor.’ Learn to support young people in making good decisions for themselves.

Treating decision making as an essential and learnable skill, the six Decision-Maker Moves highlight the power and promise of young people as they shape their lives through the options they choose.

Stories, examples, and practical tips show how decisions can transform problems into opportunities. Each chapter offers common-sense advice on how to talk with teenagers as they weigh the often-conflicting values, emotions, and trade-offs affecting their choices.

We cannot provide young minds with all the answers, but we can support them to navigate life-changing and everyday decisions.

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“A valuable resource for anyone who works with young people or wants to help teenagers learn how to make wise decisions for themselves. The decision-maker moves help us understand that making good decisions is a skill we can all learn.”

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“This is a deeply thoughtful book. As young people make their way through a public arena polluted by misinformation and partisan anger, there are few personal assets as valuable as the agency and concern for others that emerge from the experience of learning how to make better choices. The Decision Maker Moves are a brilliant gift for young people.”

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Nancy Turner, University of Victoria, Canada

“The quality of one’s decisions determines the quality of their life. This engaging book by a teacher and a decision scientist will help parents, educators, and other mentors set the kids they care about on a path to expanding their choice options and making better decisions throughout their lives.”

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