LILO SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMPONENTS MINI-GUIDE

I want to take time off between high school and college

ASK: "Is this because of practical reasons (e.g., money) or is it because of emotional reasons (e.g., fear, anxiety, social concerns)?"

IF EMOTIONAL REASONS

SAY: "There are things you can do to feel better..."

IF PRACTICAL REASONS

PROVIDE RELEVANT
INFORMATION (e.g., "Salaries for college graduates are 75% higher than for people with a high school degree only")

"Ask me questions about what to expect"

"Here are some info sessions where you can connect with other new students..."

"Here are some clubs and student groups you can check out..." I'm worried I won't fit in at college

SAY: It's normal to feel that way when making a life transition. Many students entering college are experiencing the same feelings. There are many different kinds of programs that colleges offer for students with different interest and goals.

Here's some groups/info sessions where you can connect with others in your position... Here are some student clubs/affinity groups where you might find people with similar interests and experiences...

I'm not really interested in going to college

SAY: Not everyone feels that college is right for them, but there are a lot of benefits to giving it a try.

ASK: "Is this because of practical reasons (e.g., money) or is it because of emotional reasons (e.g., fear, anxiety, social concerns)?"

IF EMOTIONAL REASONS

IF PRACTICAL REASONS

SAY: In addition to being a good practical decision, college can be an exciting opportunity to explore your interests in and outside of class, and to meet new people. Do these possibilities sound interesting to you?

SAY: College can be a great investment in your future, it opens up new opportunities and connections...

IF EXPLORING INTERESTS

IF MEETING PEOPLE

"Here are some clubs and on-campus activities that you'd have access to..."

"Here's links to some student groups..."

PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION

(e.g., "Salaries for college graduates are 75% higher than for people with a high school degree only")

I don't think college will help my future

Going to college helps build skills that are helpful for almost any life path. It can also expose you to a network of connections that's helpful for building any kind of career.

Provide relevant practical information (e.g., "Salaries for college graduates are 75% higher than for people with a high school degree only" My family doesn't want me to go to college

SAY: Talking to a trusted person who knows about the benefits of college can help family members see a different perspective on this. Are You connected to such a person?

Great, would you like help reaching out to them?

Here's contact info for the advising office at the college you're admitted to...

I didn't get into a college that offered the major I was interested in

SAY: It's possible to enter one school and later transfer to another that has a program that fits your interests more.

Sometimes, the college experience opens people up to new academic interests, and people change their goals after taking some courses or engaging in new experiences.

College can be a great way to explore diverse interests and try new things.

ASK: What major are you interested in?

IF INTERESTED IN MORE INFO

IF INTERESTED IN TRANSFERRING

Here are some programs that might be similar to your field of interest that you can explore in the meantime.

Here are some schools that you might eventually be able to transfer to. Can I connect you to an on-campus adviser who could help you organize this? Also, Here's some info on transferring...

I haven't been accepted to a college that I want to attend

SAY: Students are often able to transfer from one college to another during their degree. But as for now, it's a good idea to choose one of the schools you're most interested in and see if it works for you.

ASK: Would you like to know more about transferring?

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I have family responsibilities that make it difficult for me to attend college

SAY: College is a big step in adult life and is something that will pave your path for the future. Some college programs offer flexibility and allow students to carry out jobs and other personal responsibilities while in school. Look at the big picture and ask yourself: Is this issue worth throwing away 4-5 years of your future that will affect you 20 years from now?"

ASK: Would you like to speak to someone who works at your college about these possibilities?



SAY: Okay, here are some tips for how you might go about discussing potential issues about college with your family... SAY: Great, I'll connect you with someone...

I'm worried that I'd find the courses too difficult

SAY: Some of the work might be challenging at first, but the fact that you got into college shows that you are capable and up to that challenge.

Many professors offer office hours and will be happy to talk outside of class if you ask. Are you particularly worried about any subjects or requirements?"

Here's info on academic tutoring programs on campus...

A benefit of college is the opportunity to connect and work with the peers who are in your classes.

IF NO

IF YES

SAY: Here's how you access course ratings to help figure out which professors students liked working with the best... SAY: Here's tutoring into on these programs...

SAY: Reaching out to a friend or classmate for help or guidance can be a good strategy when you feel struck or intimidated by difficult content in class.