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**Freedom to Discover One’s Interest**

Parents should allow their children the freedom to discover and choose their own interests or careers because kids have the freedom of choice which will increase satisfaction. First, children have the freedom to choose their interests or careers for their own life independent of their parents. Sacheon Office of Education invited Professor Yang[[1]](#footnote-1) as a guest speaker to give a lecture on ‘preparing child’s career’ for parents[[2]](#footnote-2). Professor Yang emphasized that child’s career is to be decided by oneself rather than being forced by parents. This is because parents cannot be responsible for everything that happens to their child’s life and parents pass away at some point of child’s life. In other words, parents don’t live their life for their children, so a child has one’s own life to live. Thus children should be given the rights to choose their interests or careers on their own. Secondly, the availability of choice can increase satisfaction for children. According to a study[[3]](#footnote-3) by Simona Botti and Ann L. McGill, when subjects are given options to choose from freely, their choice increases their satisfaction compared to non-choosers, when the choice leads to positive outcomes. Furthermore, according to Maslow’s hierarchy of needs[[4]](#footnote-4), the highest desire is ‘self-actualization’. From the research and Maslow’s theory, it can be inferred that the children who were able to choose their interests or careers freely for themselves are more likely to have their needs met, leading to more satisfaction compared to a non-chooser.

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