

# WELCOME!

Thank You For Joining Our How To's for Job Success & Career Advancement Webinar!

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- To qualified persons ages 18-64
- Who are receiving non-retirement SSDI or SSI benefits
- Across the 47 states we serve

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- **★** Over 20 years of Expertise
- ★ Long Standing Employer Partnerships
- **★** Personal Employment Counselor Assistance
- **★** Benefits Specialist On Staff
- **★** Many Staff are TTW Participants
- **★** We Practice the Personal Touch



#### Sarah Lind



Sarah is a Senior Community
Employment Counselor with
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our clients in finding jobs in their
communities. Sarah has been
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#### Ann Settle



Ann is a Work from Home
Employment Counselor who
specializes in helping our clients
find suitable remote positions.
Ann has been with Employment
Options for over 3 years.



# How To's for Job Success & Career Advancement

# Topics to be covered today:

- How to be Successful in Your Job
- How to Advance in Your Career
- How to Ask for a Raise
- How to Leave with Grace



- 1. Be Ready To Start
- 2. Be Healthy Manage Stress
- 3. Be Competent
- 4. Be A Team Person





# **Be Ready To Start - Community**

- Map your route
- Plan your work attire
- Line up child care
- Preplan your meals





# Be Ready To Start - Work From Home

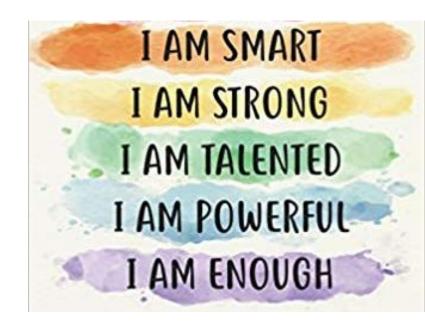
- Set up dedicated work area
- Test equipment
- Make arrangements
  - Health care
  - Child care
  - Pet care
  - Home repairs





# **Be Healthy - Manage Stress**

- Keep a positive attitude and give yourself positive messages
- Develop supportive relationships





# **Be Healthy - Manage Stress**

- Limit exposure to negative influences
- Resist being a perfectionist

- Mistakes happen ~ remember you're human!



# **Be Healthy - Time Management**

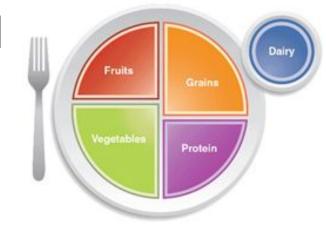
- Organize and prioritize
- Delegate if possible
- Take breaks to refresh and revitalize





# **Be Healthy - Eat Healthy**

- Eat healthy well-balanced meals
- Prepare meals ahead to save time



- Reduce sugar to prevent energy crashes
- Avoid too much caffeine in coffee, tea, and sodas



# Be Healthy - Sleep Well

- Most people need 7-8 hours each night
- Turn off devices 1 hour before bed
- Stop caffeine at least 6 hours before bedtime

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# Be Healthy - Sleep Well

- Minimize noise and light
- Keep bedroom temperatures moderate, not too hot or cold

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# Be Healthy - Exercise

- Research shows that exercise reduces effects of stress, increases energy, lifts mood, and increases focus
- Aim for 30 minutes of activity most days





# **Be Healthy - Take Breaks**

- Breaks refresh and revitalize you
- Stand up and stretch or take a walk
- Practice relaxation techniques like yoga, meditation, or deep breathing





# Be Healthy - Work/Life Balance

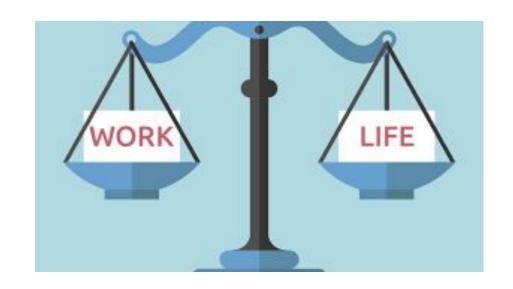
- Set work hours and stick to them
- Transition to personal life
  - Leave work at work
  - Change your outfit
  - Take a walk or drive
  - Explore a free virtual tour:

**Six Virtual Tours** 



# Be Healthy - Work/Life Balance

- Plan time to do what you enjoy
  - Gardening
  - Reading
  - Painting
  - Crafts
  - Music





# Be Healthy - Work/Life Balance

- Schedule family time on the calendar
  - Pizza night
  - Ice cream parlor
  - Game night
  - Movie night
  - Date night





# **Be Competent**

- Be informed about your job ~ do it well!
- Be knowledgeable about your company's policies and procedures
- Be courageous and ask for help
- Be mindful and learn from mistakes



# **Be Competent**

- Be professional in all your interactions
- Be productive and efficient
- Be dedicated and take pride in your job

BE SO GOOD THEY CAN'T IGNORE YOU

~STEVE MARTIN



# **Be Competent - Accommodations**

- Be aware that accommodations may be needed to be competent in your job if you have a disability
- Be educated about what the ADA ~
   Americans with Disabilities Act covers:

**Accommodations - U.S. Department of Labor** 



# **Be Competent - Accommodations**

- Be open to asking for help with accommodations
- The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) can help:

**Ask JAN** 



# **Be Competent**





#### Be a Team Person

- Be friendly and outgoing
- Be positive and smile
- Be a good communicator when listening and speaking
- Be courteous ~ please and thank you go a long way





#### Be a Team Person



**The Balance Careers - Communication Skills for Workplace Success** 



- 1. Be Motivated
- 2. Be Creative
- 3. Be a Mentee
- 4. Be a Learner
- 5. Be a Networker
- 6. Be a Salesperson
- 7. Be a SMART Goal Setter





#### **Be Motivated**

- Talk to your manager
  - Take initiative
  - Ask for new projects
  - Volunteer to help others
  - Expand your job





#### **Be Creative**

- Find ways to improve operations
- Look for creative solutions
- Think outside the box







#### Be a Mentee

- Find a mentor ~ someone successful in your company or in a similar field
- Mentors can be great sources of information and career guidance
- Studies show 4 out of 5 promotions are influenced by mentors



#### Be a Learner

- Continually acquire new knowledge
- Stay on top of trends and developments
  - in your field
- Search for career
  mapping tools online,
  like a GPS in your car,
  they provide direction



#### Be a Learner

- Set a timeline with steps to achieve your learning goals
- Make sure your resume reflects your new skills





#### Be a Networker

- Expand your network by joining professional organizations, attending industry conferences, or volunteering
  - LinkedIn
  - Toastmasters
  - Chambers of Commerce
  - Workforce Job Groups



#### Be a Networker

 The more people who are aware of your strengths and abilities, the better your chances of hearing about opportunities





#### Be a SMART Goal Setter





#### Be a SMART Goal Setter

- Assess your skills, knowledge, experience, and strengths
- Seek out a mentor to help you set goals
- Research continuing education, training, and the job market

**Career Exploration & Job Market Tool** 



#### How to Advance Your Career

#### Be a SMART Goal Setter





#### How to be Advance Your Career

## Be a Salesperson

- Learn the art of self-promotion
- Make sure people know about your accomplishments, especially those who can help you advance professionally

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## How to Advance Your Career

# Be a Salesperson

- Keep your resume up to date since it is one of the best tools to "sell" yourself
- You never know when opportunity will

knock!





- Be Knowledgeable
- Be Prepared Build Your Case
- Be Professional





## Be Knowledgeable

- Do your homework to find out:
  - What is the company policy?
  - Are there pay grades?
  - How is the job market in your area?
  - What are the average pay rates for your position in your location?
  - Is the timing good?





## Be Prepared - Build Your Case

- Keep a log of your accomplishments
- Set calendar reminders to update your log periodically
- Assemble a portfolio to demonstrate what you have done: copies of reports, things you designed, etc.



## Be Prepared - Build Your Case

- Show that you are an asset ~ you are the "go to" person who gets things done
- Document your job responsibilities
- Be sure to include any special projects above and beyond your typical tasks



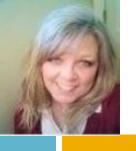
# Be Prepared - Build Your Case

 Show that you have consistent performance
 that you're not just a "one-hit wonder"



Speak in business terms

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## Be Prepared - Build Your Case

 Demonstrate your value added to the company ~ how your work has helped the company achieve its goals

**Bottom Line** 

Made \$, Saved \$, Saved





- Set a date 2 to 4 weeks out to allow time to prepare
- Ask your manager for a meeting to discuss your raise
- To prevent interruptions, clear your calendar and, if possible, your manager's calendar as well



- If the answer is no, don't take it personally, and don't quit!
- Ask your manager to:
  - Set specific performance goals
  - Schedule a date to revisit



- Be Sure
- Be Informed
- Be Professional





#### **Be Sure**

 Be sure everything is absolutely a "go" if you are leaving for a new job

JOB OFFER

It's best to get the job offer in writing
 before you give notice



#### **Be Informed**

- Check company policy for giving notice
- If your company doesn't have a policy,
   two weeks is still standard
- If your company has a policy manual, check it for payment of any unused vacation or PTO



- Give notice to your manager before telling anyone else with the company
- Make an appointment to meet with your manager
- Plan in advance what you are going to say and how you are going to say it



- Offer to train your replacement
- Follow up your in-person meeting with a letter of resignation including the effective date
- If possible say something positive about the job, company, or team members



- Be prepared to be escorted out the same day you give notice
- This is actually required policy at some companies
- Don't take it personally!



- If you work through your notice:
  - Get your work up to date
  - Organize things in a way others can understand
  - Don't leave messy, half-finished projects for others to clean up after you're gone

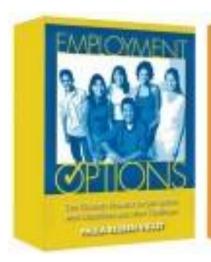


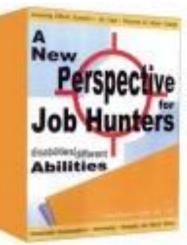
- Delete or remove any personal stuff on the company computer
- Clear the browser history
- Return keys, badges, and company equipment

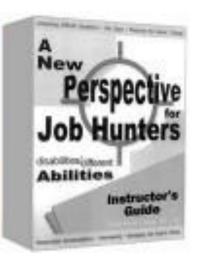




# Resources for Resume Tips









EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS: The Ultimate Resource for Job Seekers with Disabilities and other Challenges

by Paula Reuben Vieillet, MA, CVE

https://www.myemploymentoptions.com/resources/referral-resources/

Inquire at your local library



#### Need Resources?

Job Resources Email: (auto reply)

help@myemploymentoptions.com

Receiving SSDI/SSI? Apply @

**MyEmploymentOptions.com** 

Click **Apply Now** at top of site

**Additional Questions?** 

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We will now address some of the questions we received that were not already answered in our presentation



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Q: Shaunte asks: How to build a successful career?

A: Identify your goals, and strengths, build a professional resume and most important Network.



Q:Nicole asks: How do you balance everything?

A: Work life / Balance: Remember to set time aside for family and friends.

Don't forget to take care of number one ~ YOU!



Q: Analis wants to know: How to become a leader?

A: Leadership skills can be developed. Some important aspects include:

- Communication
- Team building
- Seeing the big picture



Q: Memray asked: How to move from a temporary position to permanent?

A: Here are some tips to do that:

- Be punctual and dependable
- Be responsible
- Be competent
- Be a team person
- Be committed



# **Thank You for Attending!**

Best wishes for success in your job and career!

