Career Reinvention

An expedition, not a day trip

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Objectives

"Career" has changed

6 Step process of a career change while exploring the new tools for a change



"Career" Then - Breakout Room

When you started your career what where your expectations for your career path?

How and why have those expectations changed?



"Career" Now

Industry expectations are changing faster

No longer a straight line to retirement

Switching careers is NOT seen as a negative

401K rollovers are a way of life



6 Step Process of aCareer Change





Step One

Get to know yourself

Prepare for the challenges you may face



Know yourself

What are you changing to?

Hobbies might not be careers

It's on you to own your vision
Assessments – Strengths, Values, Skills

Common myths of a career change Be my own boss, more money, freedom



Challenges

Not able to start at the goal job

Take less money now to work your way back up the pay scale

Time with family to reach your goals

Learning new skills can be scary/hard



Step Two

What do you need to know about making a change?

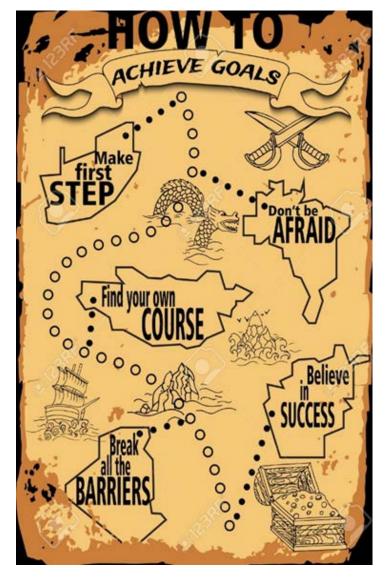
Research industries to better understand the expectations

Set-up Informational Interviews with those in the "know"



Be flexible during the journey

Step away from your comfort zones





Research

Onetonline.org
EMSI Career Coach
Glassdoor.com
LinkedIn.com
Public Libraries
Job Shadow



Informational Interviews

Talk to those who are doing it now

Don't be afraid to ask

Have a set list of questions

Ask for additional referrals

Thank you notes/emails

Build up your NETWORK



Step Three

Build up your network

Reinvention Committee

Networking connectors
Clued in colleagues
Warm and fuzzy supporters
Drill Sergeants
Industry locals



Networking Connectors

Networking Experts Someone with great connections who can
put you in touch with others who may be
able to help you.



Clued in Colleagues

Past Colleagues Someone you've worked with, who knows
your strengths and weaknesses and can
discern whether an opportunity is a good
match for you and your skills.



Warm & Fuzzy Supporters

Good Friends -

That will catch you if you fall and can make you feel grounded in moments of despair.





Drill Sergeants

Motivators -

They help you get over yourself when you're paralyzed by fear. They have no patience for excuses, but are nevertheless fully supportive





Industry Locals

Inside People Someone who knows the industry you are planning to enter and has important insider knowledge about the culture – knowledge you wouldn't otherwise have.





Step Four

Look ahead and plan for struggles

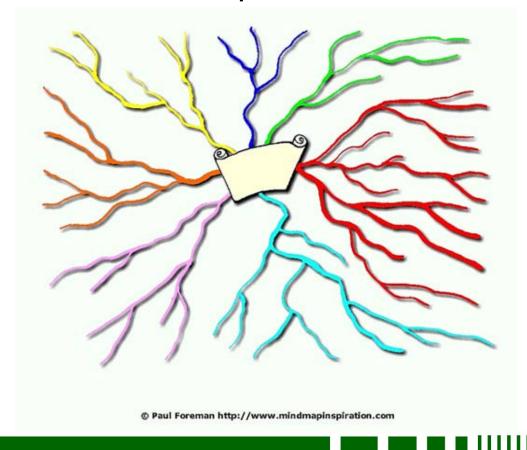
Build your plan

Utilize the onetonline.org worksheet

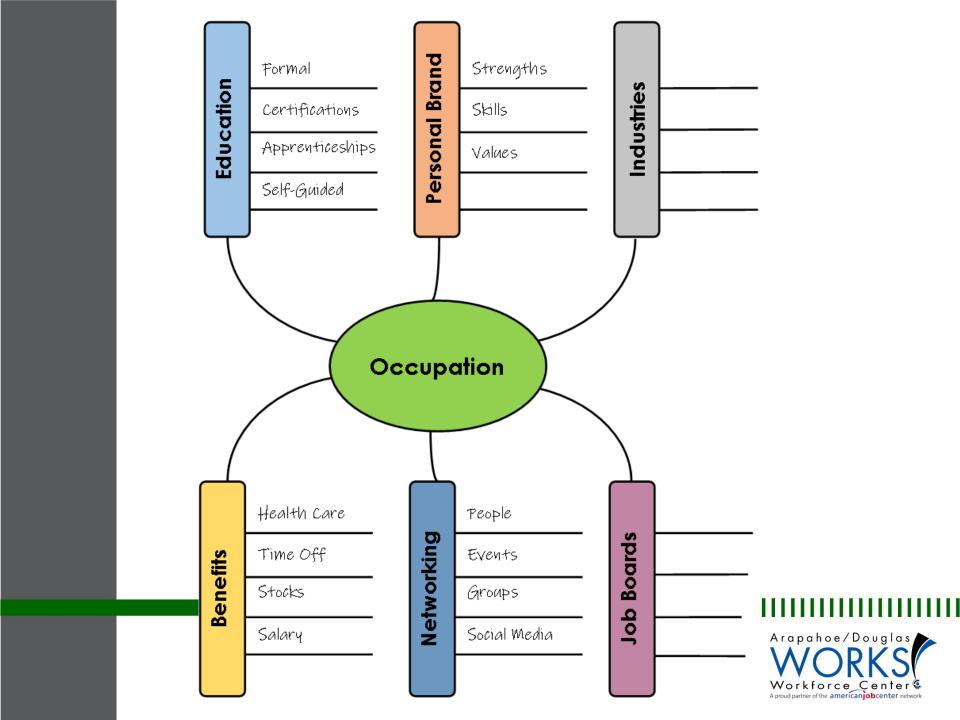


Your Plan

Build your mind map

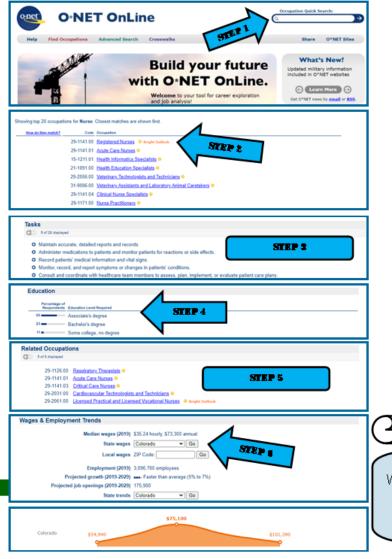


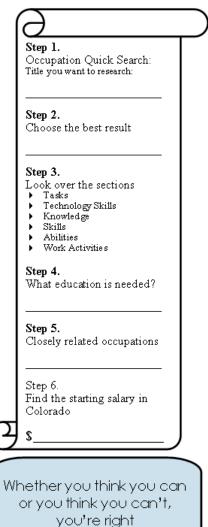




Onetonline.org

www.onetonline.org Worksheet





Henry Ford



Step Five

Make a list of all the positive ways the new career will impact your life

Personal fulfilment Relationships

Money

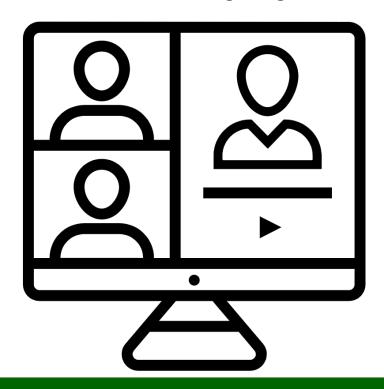
Time

Health



Positivity - Breakout Room

Talk with your group about the positive ways your life will change



Personal fulfilment

Relationships

Money

Time

Health



Step Six

Put it into action

Start with an action plan

Create a core resume

Build targeted resumes

Learn the new interviewing techniques and technology



Keep in mind

You're the one driving the change

Take small actions

Personal fulfilment

Trust your instincts

Find your "walk away point"

Your journey will be different







Resources

Mitchell, P. (2011). The 10 laws of career reinvention: essential survival skills for any economy. New York: Prentice Hall Press.

Blake, J. (2017). Pivot. Penguin USA.

Tarnoff, J. (2017). Boomer reinvention: how to create your dream career over 50. Los Angeles: Reinvention Press.



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Thank you for your time!

