

NETWORKING TOOL: 70%+ success rate

TYPES OF NETWORKING

PLANNED, FACE TO FACE NETWORKING

- Goal is to ask for advice/ideas and information on various industries, companies and jobs
- How it works:
- 1) Job seeker asks a contact if they can meet for ideas and suggestions (NOT a job)
- 2) Job seeker prepares questions to guide the meeting. questions on industries, career paths, etc are appropriate and expected.
- 3) Job seeker sends thank you note after the meeting and follows up on all suggestions.
- 4) Contact may introduce you to one of his/her contacts so you can get more information.
- 5) Seeker contacts the new person and requests a meeting.
- 6) After the meeting, seeker sends second contact AND first contact a thank you note.
- 7) As jobs open up, your contacts will keep you in mind

SPONTANEOUS NETWORKING

Connections can be made at any time... at the gym, a party, in the grocery store. Be open to opportunities and be prepared:

- 1) Your business card
- 2) Your elevator speech

ONLINE NETWORKING

LinkedIn

- 1) Used as an electronic rolodex as well as to prepare for all meetings and interviews.
- 2) Seeker's profile 100% complete and accurate
- 3) "connect with as many people and groups as possible.
- 4) Customize the invitation to connect: remind the person who you are in the invitation.

Facebook

- 1) Connect with friends and family members.
- 2) Update your status periodically for your job search
- 3) Make sure your online presence passes the "grandmother" rule: if you don't want your grandmother to see the pictures of you online, then remove them. You don't want employers seeing them, either.

NETWORKING MEETINGS

- 1) Connect with people who share your interests
- 2) www.meetup.com
- 3) be prepared with your elevator speech and business cards
- 4) follow up is critical.



BUILDING A LIST OF CONTACTS

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