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Veterans Employment and Training Programs

The mission of the Veterans Employment Program staff in the Jefferson County Workforce Center is to provide veterans and transitioning military members with the resources and services to succeed in the 21st century workforce by meeting labor-market demands with qualified veterans.

Veteran Employment Program case managers provide intensive services to meet the employment and training needs of all qualified veterans and eligible persons. Some, but not all of the services offered include:

- ◆ One-On-One Veteran-Centered Assistance
- ◆ Resume and Interview Assistance
- ◆ Vocational Guidance and Career Development Assistance
- ◆ Job Referral and Job Development
- ◆ Labor Market Information
- ◆ Education and Training Assistance
- ◆ Referral to Supportive Services as needed

For more information or to set up an individual appointment,
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Tips for the Winding Road of a Job Search: Classic Pitfalls*
- *5 Strategies for Online Networking*
- *Upcoming Hiring Events for Veteran Job Seekers*



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TRAVELING TIPS FOR THE WINDING ROAD OF A JOB SEARCH: BEWARE OF TEN CLASSIC PITFALLS!

BY DENISE BISSONNETTE, DIVERSITY WORLD—WWW.DIVERSITYWORLD.COM

Denise Bissonnette is an internationally renowned writer, trainer and keynote speaker who has inspired people and organizations throughout North America to look beyond traditional concepts of career development and to craft livelihoods rooted in the individual "genius" of each person for over two decades.

In an effort to ease the difficulties and smooth the rocky terrain that even the most ardent and enthusiastic job seeker may encounter, Ms. Bissonnette points out 10 of the most classic pitfalls often found in a modern job search.

Classic Pitfalls to Avoid in the Job Search

1. Failing to fully prepare for the journey!
2. Having no clear goal or destination in mind.
3. Limiting one's thinking about employment options!
4. Not recognizing when you're going in circles.
5. Avoiding job search methods that bring you face to face with real people!
6. Allowing an "ideal" prospect to bring the job search to a screeching halt!
7. Feeding the fires of fear and cynicism rather than hope and optimism.
8. Taking everything personally.
9. Driving on empty: failing to take care of oneself along the way.
10. Giving up too soon!

For more information and an expanded explanation of these classic pitfalls, please visit Diversity World at www.diversityworld.com and view Denise's March, 2009 issue of the True Livelihood Newsletter.

5 STRATEGIES FOR USING ONLINE NETWORKING

http://www.quintcareers.com/leveraging_social_networks.html

1. Be Selective. It's not who you know, it is "who knows you back." Connect only with friends and colleagues who will speak favorably of you, and who you will recommend to others.

2. Be a Good Friend. One of the best ways to create loyalty, brand identity and a good online reputation is to share non-proprietary information that is of potential interest to your contacts. You can greatly increase the value of your network by sharing what you know. A great way to learn of potential topics of interest to your friends is to create [Google News Alerts](#) or feeds that will send you automatic alerts with current information.

3. Be Polite and Cautious. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it all. Remember that adding comments to blogs and [uploading pictures](#) can leave a permanent trail and written record. Posting information online is like sending a postcard -- anyone can see it, and it could get in the hands of the wrong person.

4. Be Vigilant. Many employers search the Web prior to making interview invitations or [employment](#) offers. Be careful how you share personal information. For example, never Twitter about a job offer until you've accepted or about a resignation (see sidebar, To Twitter or Not to Twitter). Negative comments can spread like a nasty pandemic. A general rule of thumb: if your mom would be embarrassed, publish under a pseudonym if you must. Set up a [Google News Alert](#) to monitor information about you that is available on the web -- and request removal of negative comments or inaccurate information.

5. Be Transparent. [Share information](#) about your career, your interests, and what's important to you. Update your information regularly with care. The more your contacts know of your interests, the more they can be of help to you.

Questions about some of the terminology used in this article? Get more information (definitions and links) on key college, [career](#), and job-search terms by going to our [Job-Seeker's Glossary of Job-Hunting Terms](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR VETERANS

Hiring Events

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Location: Jefferson County Fairgrounds
15200 West 6th Ave.
Golden, CO 80401

Stevens Transport will be interviewing for Over-the-Road CDLA Truck Drivers. See job order number CO5375885 for details on www.connectingcolorado.com.

First Transit will be interviewing for Bus Drivers. Bus Drivers are responsible for safely operating a transit motor vehicle providing safe, reliable and efficient public transportation.

Please arrive for check-in at 8:30 A.M. The presentation begins promptly at 9:00 A.M. followed by the mini-interview session. Veterans will receive priority of service by being in line first for the mini-interview session.

Dress professionally and bring a copy of your resume.

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2011
Location: Jefferson County Fairgrounds
15200 West 6th Ave.
Golden, CO 80401

Sodexo will be hiring several positions in Food and Nutrition Services, Environmental Services and Express Services in anticipation of the new St. Anthony's Hospital located in Lakewood, CO.

Please plan on arriving between 8:15—8:30 A.M. for registration and to complete an application for Sodexo. The application must be filled out completely. Resumes may be attached, but will not be accepted in lieu of an application.

Dress professionally and bring a copy of your resume.

Please visit

[http://www.jeffcoworkforce.org/
seeker_events.php](http://www.jeffcoworkforce.org/seeker_events.php)

For more information or to see an updated list of scheduled events. You may contact the Jefferson County Workforce Center's Business Services Team at 303.271.4560 with any questions or for more information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <small>1 PM—Veterans Job Seeker Workshop</small>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <small>1 PM—Veterans Job Club</small>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <small>1 PM—Veterans Job Seeker Workshop</small>	28	29	30

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ◆ **Veterans Job Seeker Workshop** — This workshop is designed for the veteran job seeker and will provide an orientation to all the services offered at Jefferson County Workforce Center. In addition, you will receive information on priority of service, supportive services available in the Tri-County region, information and tips on today's competitive job market and the unique resources available to the veteran job seeker.
Dates: Wednesday, April 13 and April 27th, 2011 Time: 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

- ◆ **Veterans Job Club / Networking Event** — Are you frustrated with the lack of success you are having in your job search? Are you applying for jobs on a daily basis and not getting called back for interviews? Do you have questions about the hiring process and never had the chance to ask? This event will feature an employer panel discussion and instruction on new techniques and job search methods to assist you in finding your next great opportunity.
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 Time: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM



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