



Are you UNEMPLOYED?

Maybe the first thing you want to do is visit your local Social Services office to seek immediate assistance. There are plenty of programs our Government provides, especially for families. Aside from some sort of cash aid, it's likely you can qualify for assistance with food, discounted health care or even free health care. There are also programs that will help with child care while you locate a job. These programs can be very useful; they are meant to get you back on your feet again. Use this time as an opportunity to seek a better life; make this a stepping stone to new and better beginnings.

I lost my job – What do I do now?

Now that you are in a position to find a new job this could be a good time to make a career change. You might be interested in taking a career test to explore potential careers ideal for your personality type, background, and experience. You can take a free career assessment at www.RocketCareer.com.

YES, In this Economy There is Hope!

Don't get stuck in a rut. Being unemployed can be depressing. Before it gets to that point, be sure you are making steps towards locating a new job; this should help.

Maybe the last time you found yourself searching for a job you just walked into an office with your resume and a hopeful attitude, ready to work. These days the job search requires a bit more than that. It seems everyone is jumping on the internet bandwagon and that now increasingly more jobs must be applied online. While this may seem discouraging to some that aren't so internet-savvy, this can make job searching much easier. Instead of spending time and gas on the road, you can apply for countless jobs over the internet in a short period of time. "I Don't Have Internet Access!" No FEAR! Chances are your local library will have free internet access. While applying for jobs via internet you will need an email address. If you don't already have an email address you can set up your own free email address at yahoo.com, hotmail.com, gmail.com, or elsewhere!



Here are some helpful job-hunting websites:

www.Monster.com

www.HotJobs.yahoo.com

www.CareerBuilder.com – This is a great one. After inputting your work experience and your fields of interest, you will then receive daily updates of leads to the latest posted jobs based on your experience and interests.

HINT: To find these websites and more, simply type "find job" in your Google search bar.

KEY: Have a Strong Resume!

If you don't have the talent of creating a strong resume, there are websites out there that supply FREE templates to guide you. Visit: www.PongoResume.com to build a free resume and cover letter.

Make sure to bring a printed copy of your resume and your cover letter along with you to your interview, if your interview goes well you'll want them to have your contact information handy. Also, if your past experience allows for a portfolio this will give you an extra boost in your interview.

You're Not Alone...

Many people are facing these difficult times along with you, and some are facing even tougher obstacles. You can get through this. Maintain a positive attitude and do whatever is within your reach to make the best of your situation. It's easy to give up, but remember the only way you will be making it out of this is if you keep fighting. If you are struggling to make your monthly payments, don't give up because there is a way.

Please call us at: 1 (800) 582-8839 and one of our Counselors will be more than happy to help find a way for you to continue making your payments so you don't fall behind.