

Help for Senior Job Seeker

Hello West Suburban Jobs Council,

I am hoping one of you can help us. We have a patron that is in need of more hands on job assistance than myself or the library's social worker can provide.

He is a senior and resides in Addison. Would any of your organizations be able to assist him? We would happily make a personal introduction and can provide more details as needed.

Thanks,
Lesley

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I would recommend National Able <https://www.nationalable.org/>. They work with job seekers who are over 55 years of age.



[National Able Network: A Leading Nonprofit in Workforce Development](https://www.nationalable.org/)

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We provide services to businesses in all major sectors and help job seekers of all ages, skills and income levels achieve economic self-sufficiency..

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Worknet DuPage has a great system in place to guide any level of job seeker. The “Get Started” button on the homepage engages the process for all services and is easy to use. The questionnaire takes about 3-minutes to complete and will trigger a call from one of our trained Navigators who will assist them.

It is that simple to learn about all the programs that someone may have an interest in, deserves and are entitled to.

For anyone looking to get or improve their employment, please share this link with them.

<https://www.worknetdupage.org/job-seekers/get-started/>

Thank you,

David

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What happens after they hit send?, That is a great question Tom and I am happy to give you the answer.

One of our five trained Navigators will call within a few hours but often sooner and they will review the answers with the client in order to make referrals to ALL WorkNet resources.

These referrals are based on how the client answered the “Get Started” questions and some cursory qualifying information.

For example, someone might say yes to a question “would you like information about programs for seniors?” but when the Navigator speaks with them, they discover that the person is 47 years old...they would not qualify for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) under the Department of Labor rules; 55 or older.

Navigators are much like employment triage, they don’t do the treatment but identify what treatment is necessary and who has the skills to do it.

Sometimes a client would benefit from multiple treatments so priority of treatment may be in order; homeless and undernourished might supersede seminar on interview tips.

In the same way, some treatments might happen simultaneously.

As you know, there are programs that are specifically tailored for youth, seniors, those with a disability, those that lost jobs because their employer left the country and others.

There are also needs that people have that require other assistance in the human services arena; food, housing, medical, mental health and other.

While the center's focus is on job seekers and employers, improving someone's life through employment may start with simply improving someone's life, then employment.

It truly is amazing the way these professionals from all the partner agencies deliver these services.

They translate numerous government funding sources, programs and agencies into a thoughtful, compassionate conversation with a client as if they were giving counsel to a friend.

Then they string dozens of these workforce acronyms into a referral and report; I swear it is like a completely different language.

I hope this helps,

David

DuPage county Senior Services could provide a list of subsidized housing for the client. For employment help they could reach out to Jenna jholzberg@nationable.org or call her at 312-994-4254. I hope that helps!!

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