

Five Practical Things To Do While In A Transition

Take A Part Time Job

Sharpening those skills that made you so successful in the first place will help keep you “skillfully current” and help you avoid significant gaps in your resume. Its okay if its not lucrative, it’s the experience and contacts you will make that will prove to be priceless in the long run. This is a great way to stay abreast of current business practices from a first hand perspective.

Make Your Volunteer Work Count

Your time is precious, so make the time you spend volunteering count towards your future re-entry to the workforce. Leverage your passion; apply your time towards something you are passionate about and make it measurable work. Sit on a planning board, a school board, or participate in community projects that help you develop real world contacts while giving back to the community.

Stay Connected

Do the “friends and family” thing! You might not have the time to join formal organizations for the opportunity to network or stay abreast of current business and community issues; so make sure you stay connected through your informal networks of friends and colleagues. Their “what’s going on in the work force” perspective can help keep you abreast of current real world business issues and trends. You should also invest in a subscription to a credible local publication that focuses on business in general or your particular area of expertise/ interest.

Expand Your Education

If you have always wanted to expand on your education, time “at home” could be the best opportunity to work on your degree or certificate program. Even at a “part-time” pace, as a “stay at home parent” you could complete your education by the time your child is in school. This is not just a great addition to your resume; it’s also a great way to invest in yourself.

Start Your Own Business

Starting your own in-home business can give you the flexibility you are looking for at this time in your life. It’s a great way to put your energy into something you really love to do, on your own terms, and you as your own boss!

“Wheresoever
you go,
go with all
your heart!”
Confucius



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