

Take Action - Day 3

Purpose: Landing higher wage jobs means having an attractive work ethic. Strategize your job hopping, strengthen your knowledge, and learn how to create experience.

Unconventional Job Path

Highschool, college, internship, high-wage job. You were told it was the only way to make good money. When in reality, every 1 out of 5 full-time workers with no college degree make over \$60k a year. How? Using jobs as a strategy.

Using your dream career, note skills that are heavily utilized in this industry. Is this Monetary Transactions? Management? Technology? Photography? Networking? What other jobs utilize the same skills, but work on strengthening them instead of being the expert? Brainstorm ideas for jobs where your skills will transfer, and are challenged more in each new position.

Certifications

Prove ambition to yourself and employers by obtaining basic and specialized certifications. This enhances your credibility, keeps skills fresh, and gives you a competitive edge in interviews that shows drive. There are many free certifications available online, a course on Microsoft 365 or AI is a great addition on your resume. If able, invest in paid certifications that cater more towards your dream career. A one-time \$50 investment could be what yields a \$5,000 raise in pay.

Volunteer

Not only good for the community and yourself, many companies hold volunteer work on resumes in high regard. Demonstrating initiative, building connections, and utilizing relevant skills often aligns with every company's mission and creates strong talking points during interviews.

Volunteering often requires time management, leadership, and project management. Search your city for opportunities to reinforce work ethic and demonstrate skills in action.

Companies often offer opportunities to volunteer during work hours or attend a sponsored event, these are a great way to get paid for helping the community along with yourself.

Networking

Whether becoming an anchorwoman, paralegal, entrepreneur, or any career in-between, networking provides a boost that can be a weighing factor in landing your next position or simply learning from others in the field. Social connections keep you in the forefront of influential people. Think, a position has just opened and *your name* is among the list of people that automatically come to the manager's mind that may be a good fit. Attend as many networking events as you can, some of which are free and open to the public. Public seminars or workshops are also a great way to network and help you practice operating outside of your comfort zone. Does your city have a Chamber of Commerce?

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*5-Day Women Who Work Process

*Checking, Savings, and Credit Card Automated Financial Process

*The Unconventional Job Path

*Reading Your Paystub

*The Budget Revision