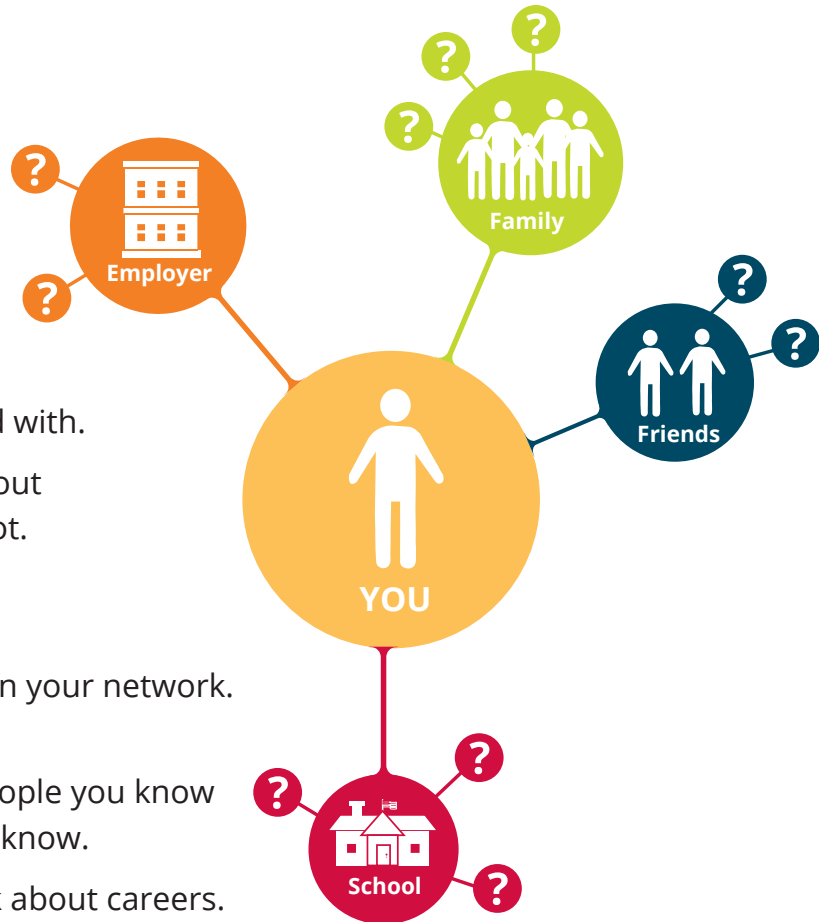


Use Your “Network” in Your Job Search

Basic ideas

- Networking is about relationships.
- A network is the people you know and others who may be able to help with your job search.
- Your network can include your family, friends, neighbors, people you went to school with or worked with.
- You can use your network to find out about jobs—who’s hiring, who’s not.



What can you do next?

- Make a list of the people that are in your network. Talk to them your job search.
- Make your network bigger. Ask people you know to connect you to the people they know.
- Talk to the people in your network about careers. Ask them what they do. Ask them how they got their job. (This is called an informational interview.)

Want to learn more?

- Building Support Networks <http://z.umn.edu/buildsupportnetwork>
- Stories of Success: Using Networking and Mentoring Relationships in Career Planning for Students with Disabilities and Their Families <http://z.umn.edu/storiesofsuccess>
- The 411 on Disability Disclosure <http://z.umn.edu/disabilitydisclosure>
- Make Work a Part of Your Plan website <http://mpccp.umn.edu/Employment>

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