



## Beyond the Resume Workshop\*



### Fall Schedule

September  
11, 15, 18, 21, 23  
9:30 a.m.  
to 2:30 p.m.

Workshops held in  
Sammamish.

Sign up now. Space  
limited to 8 people.

Thank you  
from Hopelink



Thank you to  
everyone who  
dropped off school  
supplies this  
summer for  
Hopelink's back to  
School campaign.

They were thrilled

**Dear Julie,**

I hope that you enjoyed summer. It certainly got hot here in Seattle! I am looking forward to warm, but cooler days during my favorite month of September.



This is a time for new beginnings. There's something about watching kids get a fresh start at school that inspires many of us to think about our own direction in life. This is a good time to set future goals, explore new classes and learn new skills in your personal life and career.

With this in mind, I would like to share some thoughts on careers. This month's newsletter focuses on "Finding a Job in a Tough Economy." Please share this newsletter with your network. I would sincerely appreciate that.

Warm regards,

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## How to find a job in a tough economy

Finding a job in our current economy has been the focus of many of my presentations in the past year. As a professional career counselor, it's been my pleasure to help so many families in these difficult times.

Many people have asked me lately: Is the job market getting any better? Well, it's still a tough job market out there, but employers are hiring and some of my clients are getting jobs. Data from Economy.com indicates there will be a gradual increase in employment from 2010 to 2012.\*

Are you ready to be hired? Do you feel prepared for the job search and the interview? Do you know how to sell yourself? How to stand out from the crowd?

Do you know how to show value? That's the most important component of a job search. You must know the unique set of skills, talents and abilities that only you have to offer...and then be ready to demonstrate these to the employer.

**Going Beyond the Resume**

with the contributions that you made.

For more information, please visit [Hopelink](#).

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## Next Month

Staying motivated in your job search.

### Workshop begins Sept. 11

I'm beginning a fresh and powerful job search workshop, called "Beyond the Resume," on September 11 where you will learn how to show your value. You will tap into lifelong strengths and learn to talk about them so that employers will notice you and be engaged and interested during conversations. You will learn to guide interviews, selling your strengths at every opportunity. You will be the candidate that the employer remembers and hires.

In this workshop, I will teach you an effective way to connect with people - even those you don't know - and allow them to help you in your job search. Yes, networking!

Many clients are not comfortable talking to people about their job search needs and yet, it has been proven time after time that networking strongly increases your chance of finding employment.

In the workshop, we practice a technique that you can use anywhere, anytime, and with anyone. Imagine having an opportunity to open doors that you never knew existed.

Here is what happened to one of my clients when he applied the techniques learned in Beyond the Resume:

*"I am proof of the power of this course. After just two sessions, I attended an interview more confident and prepared than ever before. The company made me an offer within two days and I am now working again in my new role."*

- lead animator, interactive entertainment industry

Read [more testimonials](#) to see what other clients say about Beyond the Resume.

Please call me with questions. Times are hard right now, but if you are ready for a fresh approach and would like to take action, I would be happy to help you.

Amanda Johnson  
Career Consultant

Read more about Amanda and "Beyond the Resume" at [www.careersolutionsplus.com](http://www.careersolutionsplus.com).

\*Beyond the Resume Workshops feature the Dependable Strengths® training developed and refined for more than 50 years by the renowned Dr. Bernard Haldane. His work is continued by the Center for Dependable Strengths® in Seattle, Washington. Amanda delivers this curriculum through the "Beyond the Resume Workshop" which reflects the specific needs of her clients.