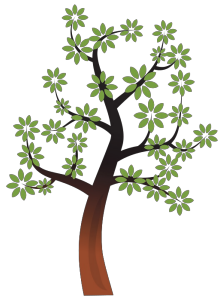


“Set your goals high, and do not stop till you get there.”

-Bo Jackson



# The 411

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY NEWSLETTER  
JULY — SEPTEMBER 2016

## From the Office

Summer is finally upon us! We are half-way through year. What a great time to reflect on what we have accomplished and what we still want to accomplish before the end of the year.

Related to the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, the Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) is still looking for a representative from the FSS program. If you are interested in sitting on the PCC, please contact me. Your

contribution will enhance your resume, and I will also write you a letter of recommendation for your participation.

For those with FSS contracts that are expiring in 2016 with an escrow account, you will forfeit what you have accrued if you fail to meet your responsibilities under the FSS contract. Please contact me or respond to my correspondence if your contract is expiring in 2016.

For more info, 530-895-4474 ext. 234.



## Avoid mistakes when seeking employment

### **Mistake #1: Relying solely on Online job postings**

Online job domains may be a good platform to apply to job openings, but do not forget that meeting/networking is essential when seeking employment.

### **Mistake #2: Looking only for job openings**

Certain places are “always” hiring; thus, thread the path intelligently by doing your research. Spend time networking and learning about the career/job opportunity. However, do not waste your time sending in your resumes to agencies that are not currently hiring.

### **Mistake #3: Ineffective networking**

Make an effort to go meet the hiring committee or the manager/director. Listening to them is just as effective as giving them a chance to learn about you. When the agency is hiring, you may be one step ahead of everyone else who are applying for the same job.

### **Mistake #4: Leaving yourself open to all kinds of jobs**

Avoid applying for any job openings. Select a career, and focus on jobs within that career. When selecting job opportunities, think about future growth, potential promotions, and life-long factors such as retirement plans or health benefits. If jobs are not opened, spend time researching and networking.

### **Mistake #5: Being unplanned in your search**

Your attitude towards seeking a career/employment should be methodological and systematic. Create a schedule and stick to the plan.

### **Mistake #6: Letting others control your job search**

Do not rely on HACB or One-Stop to send/post job announcements. Take control and conduct your own research and target the right employers/agencies for yourself. [continued on next page]



# Avoid 10 mistakes when seeking employment continued



## Mistake #7: Doing it alone

For other services, you may pay or seek help from others—so why not seek professional help when applying for jobs as well? HACB may provide some employment-related assistance, but take advantage of the Butte/Glenn County's One-Stop. Contact HACB for their courses, location, and contact information for employment-related services (e.g., resume, job search, interviews, networking, etc.).

## Mistake #8: Not preparing well enough for job interviews

Your resume will help you get the interview, and the interview will help

you get the job. For every

Interview—research, practice, and prepare in advance. “Winging it” is not an effective interview method.

Do not sell yourself short by settling in a job just without knowledge of your market worth. Negotiate as appropriate.

## DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Credit Repair

### Obtain your credit report

Consumer laws allow you to get a free copy of your credit from three credit companies (Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union) per 12-month period. Obtain your credit report from [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling 1-877-332-8228.

### Review your report

Read over your report and check for errors. Make sure that your report is accurate. Credit report mistakes and inaccuracies are common. If you need assistance reading your credit report, call the Community Legal Action Center at (530) 898-4354 to meet with someone. Their services are free to the community.

### Dispute mistakes and inaccuracies

If you find mistakes or inaccuracies, you are entitled to dispute the credit companies. You may call Community Legal Action Center at (530) 898-4354 to meet with someone. They will not tell you what to do, but may provide recommendations. Their services are free to the community.

### Review your credit report annually

By reviewing your credit report each year, you will be able to watch out for mistakes, inaccuracies, and protect yourself from identity theft.



## FREE and Fun Ongoing Summer Activities

### Friday Night Concerts (downtown Chico)

May 6 to Sept 9  
6:00 to 7:30 pm

### Art in the Park (downtown Chico)

Jun-Aug  
6:00 to 9:00 pm



DVD

releases)

Year-long

Contact your library schedule of movies. Don't forget to ask them about their other free and fun activities.

Chico 530-891-2726

Oroville 530-538-7642

Gridley 530-846-3323

Paradise: 530-872-6320

Biggs: 530-868-5724

Durham: 530-879-3835

Toll Free: 855-379-4097

Movie Showings (New

