Name		Counselor
List of Career Interests	•	

Straight to Work Action Plan

1. Update your resume & practice interviewing

Activities	Date completed
Resume updated	
Interview practice	

2. Establish list of references

(Make certain you select references who are not family members and can best speak to your work-related skills)

	Phone number			

3. Make sure documents are in order

Documents
Current driver's license
Original birth certificate
Passport
Social Security card

4. Make sure you meet the qualifications

Qualifications							
Food handlers permit							
Pass a random drug test							
Pass a criminal background check							
Performance test							

5. Research employers – find out which are the best match for you.

Potential Employers	Starting Pay	Pay Increase Increments	Benefits	On the Job Training	Tuition Reimbursement	Advancement Options	Connection to Interests	Connection to Career Goals	Date Completed Application	Interview	Follow-Up

6. Fill out applications

- Use blue or black pen (NOT PENCIL)
- Write legibly
- Fill in all information
- Be honest and check answers

7. Prepare for Interviews

- Put your best foot forward
- Dress one notch above required job attire
- No gaudy jewelry/cover tattoos/remove face jewelry
- Arrive 15 minutes early
- Bring Resume
- Research about company so you can ask intelligent questions

8. Follow Up Calls

- Call to confirm interview appointment time
- Call after interview to say you are interested and ask when a decision will be made