

Metro Area Job Support and Employment Networking Groups

Here are some Twin Cities metro-area job support, transition and networking groups, sponsored by a variety of government, nonprofit and private organizations.

The groups offer guest speakers, group discussions on job search, and opportunities to network for job leads, and a support from other job seekers. Most are offered free of charge or carry only a nominal fee.

Some groups are open to the general public, others are open to specific professions or groups, and others require that participants be sponsored by current members or become members themselves. Most groups are offered free of charge or carry a nominal fee.

First, we highlight the networking groups and job clubs sponsored by our metro-area WorkForce Centers. Then we highlight groups sponsored by other organizations.

Notify [Laurie Trach](#) at 952-346-4010 for additions or changes.

NETWORKING GROUPS AT METRO AREA WORKFORCE CENTERS

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Dakota County - West St Paul

Address: 1 Mendota Road W

What's Available: Networking and job-search counseling

Meeting Times: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Bob Satterstrom, robert.satterstrom@state.mn.us, 952-895-7663

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/dakotanorth

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Dakota County - Burnsville

Address: 2900 County Rd 42 W, Suite 140

What's Available: Networking and job-search counseling.

Meeting Times: Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Bob Satterstrom, robert.satterstrom@state.mn.us, 952-895-7663

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/dakotawest

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Hennepin North

Co-sponsored by DEED and HIRED

Address: 7225 Northland Drive, Brooklyn Park

What's Available: Networking and job-search counseling.

Meeting Times: Mondays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Contact: 763-279-4400

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/hennepinnorth

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Scott County

Address: 752 Canterbury Road S, Shakopee

What's Available: Networking and job-search counseling.

Meeting Times: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Help Desk or Darlene Dahl at 952-403-7990

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/scottcounty

VETERANS NETWORKING GROUPS

The following employment networking groups are for veterans only. Participants come from any job background and from any branch and era of military service.

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Anoka County

Address: 1201 89th Avenue NE #235, Blaine

What's Available: Share job leads, review job search process, speakers

Meeting Times: Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Tim LaBeau 763-785-6488

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/anoka

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Dakota County - Burnsville

Address: 2900 County Rd 42 W, Suite 140

What's Available: Networking for Veterans only

Meeting Times: Mondays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Harry Ostendorf, harry.ostendorf@state.mn.us, 952-895-7656

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/dakotawest

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Hennepin North

Address: 7225 Northland Drive, Brooklyn Park

What's Available: Networking for veterans only

Meeting Times: Fridays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Mark Mann at 763-279-4424

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/hennepinnorth

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Hennepin South

Address: 4220 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington

What's Available: Networking for veterans only

Meeting Times: Tuesdays, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Grant Heino 952-345-4045 or Alan Hill 952-346-4067

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/hennepinsouth

Minnesota WorkForce Center – Ramsey County-St Paul

Address: 540 Fairview Ave N

What's Available: Networking for veterans only

Meeting Times: Mondays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: JoAnn McCauley 651-642-0703

Web site: www.positivelyminnesota.com/ramseySP

NETWORKING GROUPS SPONSORED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

DEED does not support or endorse any specific organization. Groups are listed alphabetically.

Association of Information Technology Professionals

Address: 5775 Wayzata Blvd

Meeting Times: First Wednesday of the month, 7:15 p.m.

Cost: There is a fee

Contact: info@nwaitp.org

Web site: www.nwaitp.org

Basilica of St. Mary

Employment Ministry

Address: 17th & Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

What's Available: Monthly workshops and one-on-one coaching

Contact: Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or email jgrove@mary.org

Web site: www.mary.org/life/employment/index.html

Change Your Stripes

What's Available: Online groups and forum also offers "Job Talk" events.

Contact: Catherine Byers-Breet 612-508-2017

Web site: www.changeyourstripes.net

Christ Presbyterian Church

Minneapolis Job Support Workshop for Managers, Professionals and Others

Address: 6901 Normandale Road, Edina

What's Available: Interviewing and Networking Tune-up

Meeting Times: Fridays at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: No charge or a \$3 suggested donation.

Contact: Stan Brown at 952-943-0718 or stan@stanbrown.us

Web site: www.mjsw.org

Christ Presbyterian Church

Minneapolis Job Support Workshop for Managers, Professionals and Others

Address: 6901 Normandale Road, Edina

What's Available: Networking, resume and interviewing assistance

Meeting Times: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: No charge or a \$3 suggested donation.

Contact: Stan Brown at 952-943-0718 or Chuck Guerin at 612-720-6532

Web site: www.mjsw.org

Christ Presbyterian Church

Women's Networking Group

Address: 6901 Normandale Road, Edina

What's Available: Host is M.E.G. Roy and features guest speakers.

Meeting Times: Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., first floor parlor

Cost: No charge or a \$3 suggested donation.

Contact: Email M.E.G. Roy at roy.meg@gmail.com

Web site: www.mjsw.org

Constance Free Church Job Transition Club

Address: 16150 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover

Meeting Times: Mondays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Brenda 763-434-5995 or Grant 763-712-1575

Website: www.constancefree.org

Employment Action Center

Women's Programs

Address: Locations throughout the metro area

What's Available: Career exploration, job search strategies, and coaching.

Meeting Times: Call for locations, days and appointments.

Contact: Debbie Lawrence 612-752-8444

Web site: www.eac-mn.org/WomenProg/WomenProg-Home

Face2Face Job Search Networking

Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka

Address: Congregation Bet Shalom, 13613 Orchard Road (right off 494), Minnetonka, MN 55305

What's Available: Networking clusters that focus on specific career areas.

Meeting Times: First and Third Thursdays of each month, 9 a.m. to noon.

Cost: \$5 registration fee and a suggested donation of \$5 per meeting.

Contact: Email Joanne Meehl at www.face2.net/contact.php

Web site: www.face2.net

Financial Executives Networking Group

Address: See Web site for chapter locations

What's Available: Networking and job leads for upper-level executives. Participants must be sponsored.

Contact: Mark Richards 612-859-8869 richards_mj@msn.com

Web site: www.thefeng.org

Grace Church

Crossroads Career Network Ministry

Address: 9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie, Room M 209, door 4.

What's Available: Networking, expert speakers, workshops, etc.

Meeting Times: First Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Contact: 952-926-1884, ccnatgrace@gmail.com or david_sparkman@uhc.com

Web site: www.ccnatgrace.com or www.crossroadscareer.org

Minnesota Technical Recruiters Network

Address: Locations vary. Check Web site

What's Available: Job listings, resumes, events.

Meeting Times: Every third Tuesday every other month. Times vary.

Cost: First event is free. \$20 per event.

Contact: Rick (952) 473-0022; rick@recruitersofmn.com or kelly@recruitersofmn.com

Web site: www.mntrn.org

Minnesotans in Transition (MITSVA)

Address: 1712 Hopkins Crossroads, Minnetonka

What's available: Resume, interviewing, and networking

Meets: Fridays 9:30 a.m. to noon

Contact: mn.intransitionsupport@gmail.com or info@mitsvajobs.com

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Address: 700 Western St NE, Anoka

Meets: Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: schwarzsc@hotmail.com or 763-421-3223

Networking for All

Address: Byerly's, Community Room, 5725 Duluth Street, Golden Valley

What's Available: Networking for the employed and unemployed – job search and career-related

Meets: Second Saturdays 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Contact: Jeff Urbanek - jeffurbanek@yahoo.com

North Metro Job Networking Group**Epiphany Church**

Address: 1900 111th Ave. NW, Room 708, Coon Rapids

Meeting Time: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Contact: George White 763-755-1020

Prince of Peace Christian Life Center/Job Connections Group

(Merged with Shepherd of the Valley)

Address: 13901 Fairview Drive, Burnsville. Parking on upper level.

What's Available: Networking

Meeting Times: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., second floor.

Contact: Joe Mildenberger 952-898-9399 or info@princeofpeaceonline.org

Web site: www.princeofpeaceonline.org/jcg

Project Management Institute-Minnesota Chapter

Address: Hilton Hotel, 3800 American Blvd. East, Bloomington by MOA.

What's Available: Career networking, special events

Meeting Times: Third Monday of most months. Check Web site.

Cost: No charge for networking. Charge for membership and meals.

Contact: 651-917-6246 or administrator@pmi-mn.org

Web site: www.pmi-mn.org

Quality Career Services

Address: 2515 Wabash Avenue, Ste. LL1, St. Paul

What's Available: Networking for dislocated workers and seniors

Meeting Times: Mondays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Mary O'Neal 651-647-9322

Web site: www.qualitycareerservices.org

Sales and Marketing Professionals (SMPnet)

Address: Devry University, 400 Highway 169, Suite 100, St. Louis Park, MN

What's Available: Networking for sales and marketing professionals.

Meeting Times: Every other Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. See Web site.

Cost: First meeting is free. Non-members \$5 to \$10 per meeting

Contact: George Burr at 612-669-0455, gburr@localmarketmedia.com

Web site: www.SMPnet.org

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Address: 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie

What's Available: Job transition group

Meeting Times: Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Contact: info@standrewlu.org

Web site: www.standrewlu.org/jobtransition.shtml

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Address: 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie

What's Available: Information Technology Networkers

Meeting Times: Wednesdays, 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Contact: John Schorer, itgroup_minnesota@yahoo.com

Web site: www.standrewlu.org/jobtransition.shtml

St. Hubert Job Support Group

St. Hubert Catholic Community

Address: 8201 Main Street, Chanhassen

What's Available: Job Club

Meeting Times: Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Room 222.

Contact: George Davisson, 952-443-0010 or George_davisson@yahoo.com

Web site: www.sthubert.org

St. Stephens's Episcopal Church

Job Search Support Group

Address: 4439 West 50th Street, Edina

What's Available: Networking, job-search advice, job leads.

Meeting Times: Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library

Contact: John Barrow at 651-920-0595 or Len Slade at 952-929-2699

Web site: www.ststephens.com/jobsupport

Sales and Marketing Group

What's Available: Open to those in sales and marketing.

Meeting Times: By invitation only. Non-members may attend one time.

Contact: Email M. Shane Smith at <mailto:mshanesmith@q.com>

Shepherd of the Lake Career Support Group

Address: 3611 North Berens Road NW, Prior Lake

What's Available: Networking, personal support, job seeking advice

Meeting Times: Every other Wednesday 11:30-1:00

Contact: adamsprecher@oberonllc.com

Web site: www.sollc.org

SHiFT

Address: Mankato State University, 7700 France Avenue South, Edina

What's Available: Events, discussions, networking, mentoring.

Meeting Times: First Monday of the Month, 7 p.m., Check website first

Cost: \$60 annual membership fee; Non-member guests pay \$5 per event.

Contact: David Buck

Web site: www.shiftonline.org, Bruce Larson

Smile 'n' Dial IT Subgroup

Address: 4620 West 77th St. (Pentagon Park), Edina

Meeting Times: Second Tuesday of each month. 7 to 9 a.m.

Contact: Phillip Brooks at 612-276-2512 or <mailto:philbrooks@comcast.net>

SOAR for Jobs

St. Odilia's Catholic Church

Address: 3495 Victoria Street North, Shoreview

What's Available: Large group presentations, small group networking

Meeting Times: Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m.

Cost: Bring an item for the food shelf

Contact: Linda at 651-415-3327

Web site: www.stodilia.org

Twin Cities Business Startup Meetup

Address: Meeting locations vary

What's Available: Networking and mentoring

Meeting Times: Vary, check calendar on Web site

Cost: Some events are free, others carry a registration fee

Contact: Scott Plum. Email Scott through the Web site.

Web site: www.newstartupmeetup.com

Veterans Center

Address: 550 County Road D, suite 10, New Brighton

What's Available: One-on-one counseling for veterans of era.

Meeting Times: Call to schedule a session.

Contact: Andrew Huff at 651-644-4022 or email Andrew.huff@va.gov

Web site: www.vetcenter.va.gov

Wayzata Evangelical Free Church

Address: 705 County Road 101 North, Plymouth

What's Available: Networking.

Meeting Times: First Tuesday of each month, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Contact: David at 763-553-7892

Web site: www.wayzatafree.org

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Address: 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis.

Meeting Times: See Web site for times and dates.

Contact: Sharon at 612-332-3421

Web site: www.ewestminster.org

Westwood Job Transition Group

Westwood Community Church

Address: 3121 Westwood Drive, Chanhassen

What's Available: Networking, support.

Meeting Times: First Monday of each month, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Matt Beck at 952-457-8866 or email matthewpbeck@yahoo.com

Web site: www.westwoodcc.org

Women Venture

Career and Employment Transition Group

Address: 2324 University Avenue West

What's Available: Networking, personal support, job seeking advice

Meeting Times: See web site for schedule.

Contact: 651-646-3808 or email services@womenventure.org

Web site: www.womenventure.com

Woodbury Lutheran Church Fireside Room

Career Transition Connection

Address: 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury

What's Available: Advice, support and networking for job seekers

Meeting Times: Second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.

Contact: Use Web site for email contacts.

Web site: www.woodburylutheran.org

Wooddale Church

Job Search Group

Address: 6630 Shady Oak Road, Eden Prairie.

What's Available: Customized job search planning

Meeting Times: Every Monday at 7:15 a.m.

Contact: Tony Vejan 612-750-4975 or lonnie@diefconnectionsoffice.com or emailjtsg@wooddale.org

Web site: www.jobtransition.net