

What makes you happy?
Start by thinking about what you like to do.

What are you good at?
Where are your interests and skills leading you?

What have you done?
Every activity, experience, or job you have had is valuable – think about the lessons you have learned.

Make Connections!
Making contacts is an important first step when looking for a job.



Talk to friends, relatives, teachers, or neighbors – anyone who has connections to the working world.

Choose a direction
There are many different jobs or careers, but the important thing is to **choose a direction** that interests you.
No matter which job you choose, remember that you are moving toward a goal.

Take a step
Look for a job that will move you **one step closer** to your goal. You may not find your dream job right away, but every step gives you skills and experiences that will move you closer to your goal.

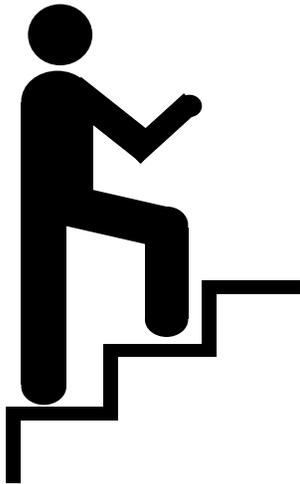
Make Connections!
If you can tell people what you are good at and what you like to do, they will be more likely to help you on your way.



Remember: you have valuable skills to offer

Steps

1. **Ask** yourself: what do I like to do?
2. **Think** about jobs that involve your interests and skills.
3. **Choose** your direction – set your goal.
4. **Know** that your skills and interests are valuable to employers.
5. **Connect** with people who might be able to help you.



Take your first step knowing that it is a step toward your goal!

What's Next?

For more information about jobs, careers, and education possibilities in Allegheny County, visit AFSC.com and click on "What's Next?"

- Searching for a job
- Job Preparation and Assistance - Make Your Self Marketable and Get Help Searching For a Job!
- Internships, Apprenticeships, and Training – Get Paid, Learn a Trade
- After School and Out of School Programs
- Get your Diploma or GED
- Preparing for Higher Education and Community Colleges
- Find Money for College
- Paying For College: Serve your world, Service your loan
- Public Libraries
- Questions to ask Military Recruiters Before you Enlist



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Your Future First Steps



Making life decisions can be difficult. Sometimes it feels like you have very few opportunities, while other times it can feel like there are too many options to choose from.

How should you start?



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