



NORTH COAST JOB SEEKERS  
*Career transition support in Northeast Ohio*

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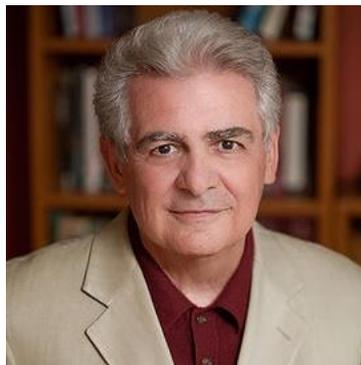
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**NEXT WEEK**

**NCJS Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2016**

**“Careers, Jobs, Planning, Surviving, and Thriving  
in the New Economy”  
Speaker: Joe Ortenzi**

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**You need a new mindset!** In the current job market, you need to consider yourself self-employed. There are no long-term social contracts for employment, if they ever existed.

**The Cheshire Cat** might be the best example of where most of us have been with careers and jobs. With an ever changing, dynamic job market, finding stable employment is a difficult challenge. We live in an age where jobs include temporary, part-time, downsizing, core employees, contracted services, specialized skills, reduced benefits, and self-employment.

**"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"**  
*"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,"* said the Cat.

"I don't much care where," said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

"So long as I get somewhere," Alice added as an explanation.

"Oh, you're sure to do that," said the Cat, "if you only walk long enough."

Principal at Skills Enrichment, **Joe Ortenzi** has more than four decades experience putting difficult-to-place individuals in satisfying employment. During this time he has learned how to break through the clutter and make his clients stand out among the multitudes of job seekers.

For the last 18 years, Joe has operated **Skills Enrichment Group** – his own company focused on return-to-work services. He provides transitional employment services, vocational evaluations, vocational feasibility evaluations transferable skills analysis, vocational explorations, employment workshops and vocational consulting.

For nearly three decades, he was a Senior Counseling Psychologist managing vocational rehabilitation services for disabled veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs. His career has been devoted to helping clients overcome serious barriers to re-entering the workforce. These include a wide range of disabilities, injuries, career changes, employment gaps, felonies and dramatic changes in the job market.

Joe has a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from John Carroll University and an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University. More information available on web site: [www.jobsearchstrategies.net](http://www.jobsearchstrategies.net).

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## PLAN AHEAD – FOLLOWING MEETING

### NCJS Meeting – Monday, October 10, 2016

#### Networking and Job Search "Joys & Concerns"

Join with other NCJS members and leaders for constructive networking, job search troubleshooting, sharing what's going well and what is not, and collaborating on job leads.

#### — NORTH COAST JOB SEEKERS — NETWORKING



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## MEETING DETAILS

More Info: [www.northcoastjobseekers.org](http://www.northcoastjobseekers.org)

**7:30 to 9:00pm**  
Gym/Fellowship Hall  
Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church  
35100 Solon Road  
Solon, OH 44139

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## NCJS MEETINGS

North Coast Job Seekers meets at Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Solon, Ohio at 7:30pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. We actively network, discuss job search issues, and get terrific tips from job search experts. If you are in transition or want to explore new career options, we encourage you to start attending North Coast Job Seekers meetings.

For details of upcoming meetings visit the [North Coast Job Seekers](http://www.northcoastjobseekers.org) website.

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## UPCOMING NCJS MEETINGS

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"Careers, Jobs, Planning, Surviving, and Thriving in the New Economy"  
Speaker: Joe Ortenzi

**Monday, October 10, 2016**

Networking and Job Search "Joys & Concerns"

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

"Secrets of a Successful Job Search"  
Speaker: Will O'Brien

**Monday, November 14, 2016**

Networking and Job Search "Joys & Concerns"

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## NCJS LINKEDIN GROUP

If you're not part of the online discussions, job leads, and networking with NCJS, join the NCJS LinkedIn Group now to expand your job search resources.

The twice monthly meetings of North Coast Job Seekers is supplemented by an active LinkedIn Group. This rich forum includes relevant **discussion topics**, **job postings**, and **networking opportunities**. *Click on the LinkedIn logo to visit the group page.*



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## NCJS PARTNERSHIPS



### Project Management Institute Northeast Ohio

[www.pmineo.org](http://www.pmineo.org)

North Coast Job Seekers and Project Management Institute Northeast Ohio are partners to focus on career advancement for all professionals in the NE Ohio area.



### Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church Solon, OH

[www.pioneersolon.org](http://www.pioneersolon.org)

Pioneer Church partners with NCJS by generously providing our meeting space and hospitality to make us always feel welcome.

Liaison: Greg Reynolds



### The Catholic Church of St. Rita Solon, OH

[www.stritaparish.com](http://www.stritaparish.com)

St. Rita Parish has partnered with NCJS by promoting our programs with parish members and by providing generous financial support.

Liaison: Jim Folger