

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Unit 3 (con't)

Networking

- Describes the act of identifying and connecting with people who can influence one's ability to access desired job opportunities within one's career
- Making /enhancing connections with people in order to enhance one's life experiences

Purposes of Networking

- Inform an individual about what it is like to work in an occupation or organization
- Help one understand the skills, training and knowledge an individual needs for a particular occupation and/or job
- Help one access a prospective employer by informing one about who is responsible for hiring, what jobs are open and what jobs will be come available
- Facilitate access to an interview

Networking Activity

- Develop a list of contacts you think would assist you in the pursuit of a possible occupation
- Read Jeremy's story page 194
- Discuss "its not what you know its who you know"

Job Shadowing

- Def: an activity where students visit a work site and “shadow” a worker as they go through a normal /typical day
- It may be a partial day, full day or number of days
- An excellent example of networking –allows one to meet and interact with workers in an occupation they wish to explore

Job Shadowing allows students to:

- Explore their career choices
- Find out what is really like to work at that job
- Experience an occupation
- Learn about required work habits
- Practice interviewing techniques
- Network with an employer
- Get advice and information from someone experienced in that field

You must follow a formal process!! Permission slip / safety forms....etc.