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Getting Creative to Find Part-Time Work

Welcome to *Career Headlines* 2020. Whether you attend school virtually or from a classroom, school probably looks different this year. One positive works to your advantage during this pandemic. You can learn how to stand out from others when you interview or take a job.

Think about this: A busy employer who needs to fill a job vacancy stares at a stack of resumes. Coming up with a few applicants to interview is the goal. The employer is looking for people who can "fit in" with the company, who "get it" about professional conduct, who "know how" to communicate and interact with coworkers and customers. That standout person can be you!

In upcoming issues of *Career Headlines*, you will learn about the specific soft skills employers say will get you hired, make you a valuable employee, and earn you raises and promotions. Today, the emphasis is on part-time jobs available during the pandemic.

In this COVID-19 time when much work is being handled electronically though Zoom and Skype, finding a part-time job is harder for young people. But jobs are available. You just need to be a bit creative and look at today's opportunities. *Career Headlines* sorted through ideas from different sources and came up with a few jobs you may not have considered. Keep an open mind. How can you turn these ideas into part-time work?

Virtual Tutoring. Don't think you can tutor? Think again. Is your knowledge sufficient to help a middle schooler or younger child do their virtual homework? Parents across the U.S. are anxiously looking for options to coach their children with homework.

Parents magazine advises,*"Whether it's math or history, music, art, or creative writing, there's an opportunity to use your expertise to tutor."* Are you good with STEM projects? Load clips of your activities on social media to get the word out to parents.

Local programs. The YMCA has become involved with tutoring and is offering onsite, social-distanced tutoring programs. The Y uses teachers, teacher's aides, and assistants. Ask your local Y if it has such a program and whether there's a role for you.

Food pickers and delivery services. Do you have a driver's license? Grocery stores are looking for food pickers and drivers to deliver their online orders. Restaurants need drivers for their Take Out orders. Do big companies like Grubhub, DoorDash and Instacart have openings in your area for drivers?

Online Sources. Check out LinkedIn and Indeed, two sites that professionals use to locate jobs. Do you see part-time, virtual positions that might be a fit for you? You can follow this YouTube link to learn about other part-time job opportunities *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgiumsxcgtY.*

Action: Forget traditional part-time jobs briefly and think creatively. What services are needed in your community during the pandemic that you can provide virtually or with social-distancing?

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