# Tips for Parents & Caregivers Returning to the Workforce



### 1 in 5

working-age adults in the U.S. said the reason they were not working was because COVID-19 disrupted their childcare arrangements.

# Women's labor force participation rate has dropped to the lowest it's been in more than 30 years.

# 75% of women who quit or downshifted plan to return to the workforce

### Learning Objectives

- 01. Understand the value you bring
- 02. Communicate the purpose and impact of your role at home
- 03. Optimize your job search

### Meet your hosts



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# Understand the value you bring

# Employers need the skills you develop as a parent



**Confidence** 



Creativity



Compassion



**Flexibility** 

# Communicate the purpose and impact of your role at home

# Include caregiving as work experience

You can include specific examples of daily activities and responsibilities you had during your employment gap that are relevant to the duties or responsibilities of the position you are applying for.

#### **CFO (Chief Family Officer)**

March 2020 - June 2021

- Mastered the art of embracing change and pivoting towards new opportunities.
- + Solved problems by creating engaging experiences that connect our children with curriculum.
- Bounced back with passion to help family see the bright light that shines in spite of all that has been lost.
- + Led every day with unwavering confidence, compassion and creativity.

## Strengthen your narrative

- + Project Work
- + Volunteering
- + Returnships



# Identify your transferable skills

Qualities that carry over from one role to another because they are useful to employers **across various jobs and industries**.

- + Clear and effective communication
- + Efficient use of financial resources
- + Organized time management and coordination of schedules
- + Careful and ongoing monitoring of multiple data points
- + Proven problem-solving abilities under pressure
- Long-range planning and development skills

### **Spot your strengths**

- + Ask previous bosses and colleagues
- + Compare yourself to past colleagues...what unique traits do you bring?
- + Ask loved ones
- + Highlight the skills/requirements from job postings
- + Identify skills gaps



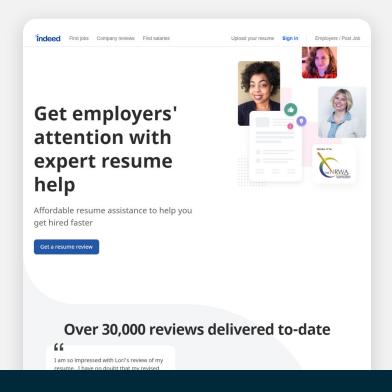
## **Update your entire resume**

- + Include a detailed summary
- + Focus on your most relevant core proficiencies
- + Add keywords from job postings you're interested in
- + Be honest about your time out of the workforce
- + Focus on the future



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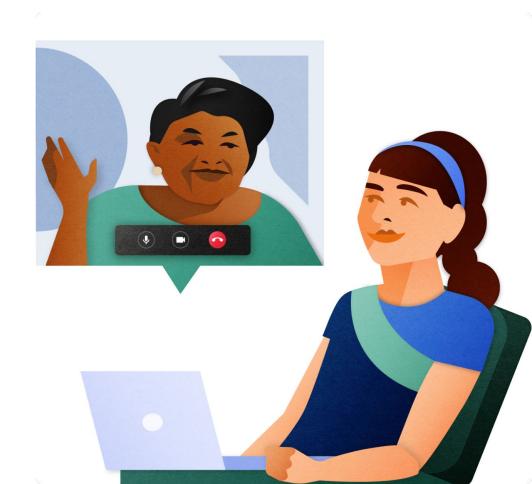


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## Tell your story in the interview

- + What are 3 things you've learned about yourself that make you better prepared?
- + What employer support will you need?
- Plan for child care or set expectations as needed



# Build your personal brand

- + Be focused
- + Be consistent
- + Be genuine
- + Be positive



### Optimize your job search

# Set aside time for job search activities

- + Create a schedule
- + Set daily and weekly goals
  - Searching
  - Applying
  - Networking
  - Upskilling

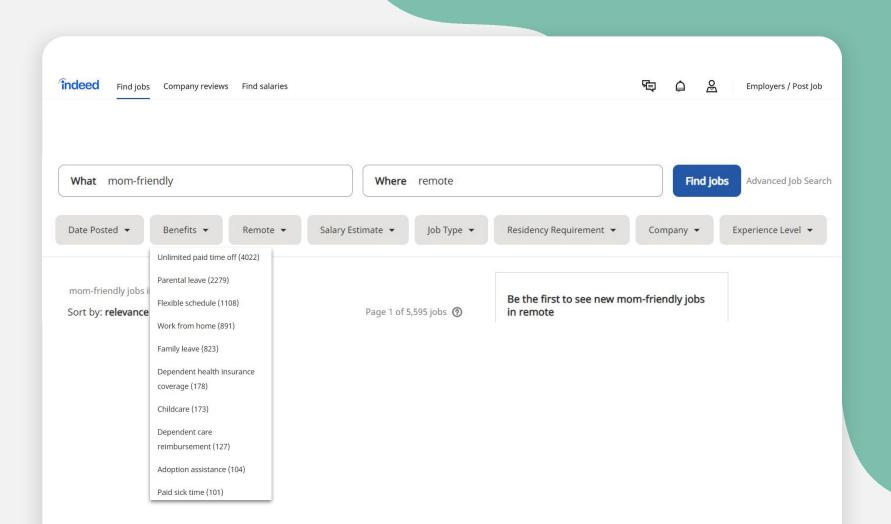


## Call on your contacts

Let the people in your network know you're ready to return to the workforce.

- + Do you know of any open roles that would be a good fit for me?
- + Would you be open to putting in a good word for me at your company?

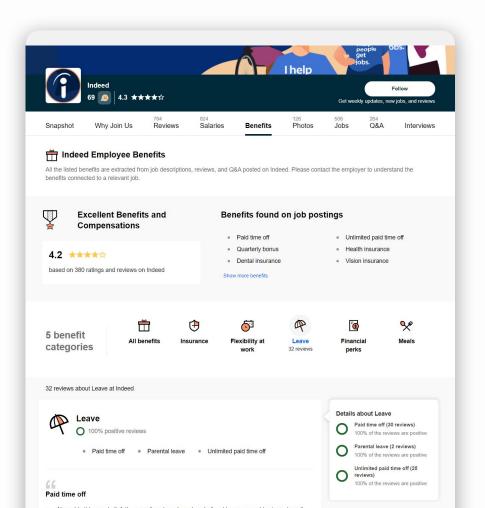




## Research potential employers

Research company benefits to ensure you're applying to work in an environment that will help you thrive.

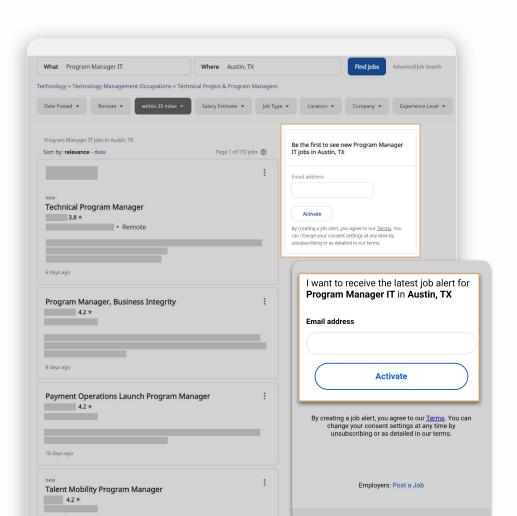
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### Automate your search

Set up job alerts to be the first to find out about new opportunities.

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### Unpaid work is still work.



### Let's recap

- 01. Employers need the skills you develop as a parent
- 02. Highlight those experiences and transferable skills on your resume
- 03. Shape your story with work experiences and personal branding
- 04. Leverage your network and Indeed's resources to optimize your job search for the best opportunities

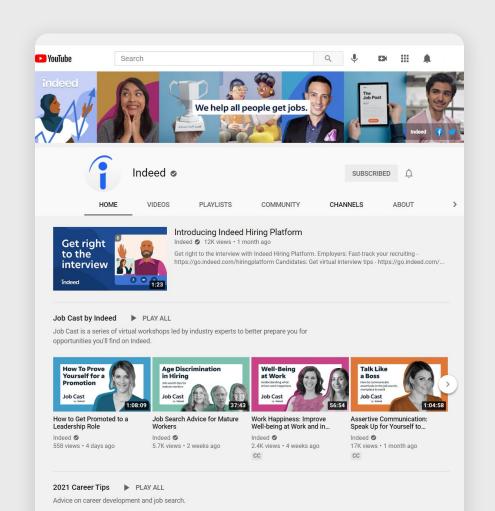
### Time for Q&A!

Look out for an email with the...

- + Presentation
- + Chat links
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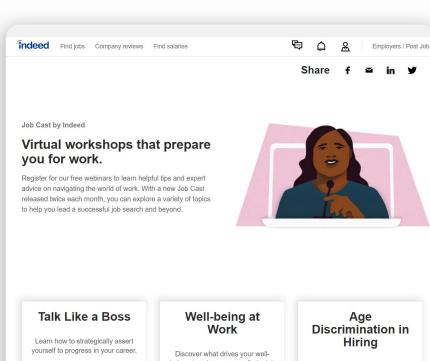
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