JOB SEEKER EMOTIONAL MODES AND INTERVENTIONS

| Emotional State | Core Need | Nudges | Interventions |
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| Stalled: Behaviors: take a break, deny, procrastinate; feel over confident Discouraged: Behaviors: withdraw, turn to vices, lie to | Inspiration, Information and Kick in the pants Emotional Support, Hope | Force engagement Get to the root cause of unemployment Create a plan Principle approach: skill building and job matching Provide obtainable tasks Create milestones and deadlines Find new ways to reach these people—they don't come into the job centers Let them tell their story | Initiate contact and check back later Provide relatable examples of similar situations; Communicate the value of acting now; Provide work assignments Engage in conversation/ get realistic view "This is hard but results can be achieved" Share reliable success stories Get people to establish goals Guard against vices |
| friends & family; blaming others; angry | 3 | Connect people to cohorts, community-based organizations and support systems Provide mental health referrals | Structure small successes to build confidence Volunteer internships to engage in the working world Connect to a mentor |
| Panicked Behaviors: file for bankruptcy, accept lower jobs, sell things | Address Emergencies | Provide emotional support Build support networks Connect them to mental health services or support groups and follow-up to ensure connection is made | Connect to social services; Provide concrete information and options Provide support in the moment Work with service providers for a fresh approach Focus on the plan |
| Elated Behaviors: relax, rest on false hopes; is celebrating overcoming a huge barrier | Channel Momentum, Get on Even Plane | Channel energy to move forward Celebrate and recognize their successes, while reminding them of the work ahead Expand networks Create short and long term plan Test expectations periodically Build self-esteem through coaching | Identify potential roadblocks and pragmatically problem solve them Develop easily obtainable goals, break them down into small steps Make sure they are "working" their program Assist in realistic research on skills needed by employers Connect to job networks |
| Wandering Behaviors: aimlessly apply, explore many directions, do busy work; overwhelmed | Structure and Guidance | Create an Overall plan Prioritize approach: skill building or job matching; Create milestones and concrete deadlines Give responsibility | Create affinity groups and cohorts Help people explore desires and learn about options Instill accountability for tasks to be accomplished in their plan |

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| | | Match job seekers with mentors | Ask what an ideal job would be |
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| | | Coach on dreams and realities | Provide work experience |
| | | | Enroll in a self-discovery workshop; |
| | | | Give industry specific information/support |
| Ready for Action | Self- Direction | Be Self aware | Upgrade skills |
| Behaviors: | and | Get access to information | Know how to tell your story |
| focus, start a flurry of activity | Encouragement | Clarify priorities | Prepare materials |
| | | Get a reality check | Make connections |
| | | | Follow up on leads and track progress |