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WHAT'S NEW

Welcome to CareerOneStop *Connections*. We have redesigned our newsletter with a new format to update you on CareerOneStop Web sites and resources. You will find new features including clickable links that take you right to the resource being discussed, the "Spotlight" (a more in-depth look at specific resources), and other related information to answer common career, education, employment, and workforce questions. This issue focuses on [America's Career InfoNet](#). Future issues will continue to highlight other CareerOneStop Web sites such as [America's Job Bank](#) and [America's Service Locator](#).

CareerOneStop UPDATES

[InDemand Magazine:](#) This lively career exploration magazine is now available at the [Career Voyages](#) Web site, one of CareerOneStop's related resources. This magazine provides in-depth details about careers in high growth industries. The [Construction](#) and [Energy](#) issues are now available. Read more about the *InDemand Magazine* on [page 3](#).

[Scholarship Search:](#) This tool has been updated with new scholarship information and a streamlined search; find more than 5,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities.

[Career Resource Library:](#) This collection of more than 6,000 links to online career and employment resources has been re-organized into easier-to-search categories; look for the expanded Employer Resources section.

[Credentials Center:](#) This new CareerOneStop center collects resources and links to information on credentials that document and verify workplace skills, knowledge, and experience.

[Online Coaches:](#) Review additions to this collection of customized, step-by-step guides through CareerOneStop and related resources.

SPOTLIGHT

[America's Career InfoNet](#) provides detailed, customized information to jobseekers, students, employers, and workforce professionals. Find out how career and labor market information can help you plan or advance your career, grow your business, or assist your clients with easy-to-use career tools and reports. Read more on [page 2](#) about Career InfoNet's most requested features.



SPOTLIGHT

How do you find resources you need on Career InfoNet? There is a wealth of valuable career and labor market information on Career InfoNet, but the sheer volume of available resources can make it difficult to find exactly what you are looking for. One quick way to locate helpful resources is to click on the [“What can Career InfoNet do for you?”](#) link on Career InfoNet’s home page. Resources here are organized by user groups ([Students](#), [Jobseekers](#), [Workforce Professionals](#), and [Employers](#)) and by content areas ([assess your options](#), [find education and training](#), [find a job](#), or [grow your business](#)). To find more answers to frequent Career InfoNet questions, view the [Help](#) and [FAQ](#) pages.

Two common questions heard by CareerOneStop representatives are:

“How can I find information about education funding options?”

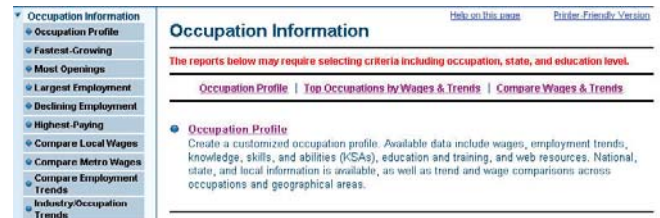
On the home page of Career InfoNet, you can click on these resources for more information:

- Find out if you qualify for federal assistance and how to apply for it, using Career InfoNet’s [Financial Aid Advisor](#).
- Search more than 5,000 aid options with the [Scholarship Search](#).
- Search the [Career Resources Library](#) to locate federal training programs and educational resources by state.

“How can I find the wage or salary for a particular occupation?”

On the home page of Career InfoNet, you can use the [Occupation Information](#) page to locate detailed wage information by state, occupation, and industry. Click on these resources for more information:

- Build your own customized report by clicking on the [Occupation Profile](#).
- [Compare Local Wages](#) for up to five occupations in up to ten local areas in your state.
- [Compare Metro Wages](#) across the United States.



Did you know?

The [Financial Aid Advisor](#) provides a chart that shows that education pays:

Click on the [“Chart of Reported Earnings by Education Level”](#) to see the relationship between educational attainment, average annual earnings, and unemployment rate.

Did you know?

[Occupational Information](#) reports provide information on:

- High-growth and high-wage occupations by education level.
- Wage and employment projections for hundreds of occupations.
- Employment trends.
- Knowledge, skills, and abilities ranked by occupation.

SOLUTIONS

Hurricane Recovery Services

When Hurricanes Katrina and Rita led to the displacement of thousands of businesses and employees in early fall 2005, workforce professionals needed to access more immediate workforce, relocation, and disaster relief resources than ever before. CareerOneStop provides a central Web site for much of this information at [Hurricane Recovery Services](#). Help us spread the word about this valuable resource by:

- Providing links to the [Hurricane Recovery Services](#) Web site;
- Promoting this new resource and encouraging all professionals serving victims and evacuees to make use of this Web site and the training materials created for them; and
- Provide updates and feedback to keep the resources current.

OTHER RESOURCES

InDemand Magazine now Online

InDemand, a high-growth career exploration magazine, highlights key information for students and career advisors (parents, guidance counselors, and teachers). An engaging visual format provides youth and their advisors valuable information on high growth industry trends, an introduction to a range of occupations, and training resources. Parents, teachers, students, and guidance counselors will also find practical career exploration activities. To view the magazines or download print copies, go to the Career Voyages Web site at www.CareerVoyages.gov.

EVENTS

CareerOneStop will be presenting and exhibiting at upcoming national conferences.

[American Association of Community Colleges - Workforce Development Institute \(AACC -WDI\)](#)

January 26-29, 2006
Sarasota, FL

[Careers Conference 2006 Center on Education and Work \(CEW\)](#)

January 30 - February 1, 2006
Madison, WI

COMING SOON

On [Career InfoNet](#): new regional and local **industry information**, improved **mapping tools** and redesigned **state information** pages.

On [CareerOneStop](#): revised and updated handouts and presentations in the [Outreach and Teaching Materials](#) section.

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