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Assessment Can Lead to New Career Opportunities

Vocational assessment is an important tool for job seekers. It is a window into the strengths, knowledge and skills that the job seeker has honed in the workplace over time. Vocational assessment information reveals who you are now and where you are headed, not who you were ten years ago. Because adults continue to grow and evolve, job seekers are not always aware of the competencies they have acquired and changes in their interests.

Whether transition is due to a lay-off, downsizing, burn-out, dissatisfaction with current work, or re-careering, job seekers commonly feel apprehensive about their job search. Vocational testing at a time of transition can reveal unanticipated competencies and fresh opportunities.

Vocational assessment will define the job seeker's best skills and motivators and increase awareness of job options not previously considered. This increases the number of job opportunities available to the job seeker.

Vocational assessment activities produce information about work interests, values, aptitudes, personality, and skills – not just skills the worker has, but skills that the job seeker is highly motivated to use. Becoming highly motivated and excited about expanded opportunities can quickly lead to excitement about a new career.

Maricopa Workforce Connections offers comprehensive vocational assessments for job seekers. The East Valley, the MWC Career Center is located at 735 N. Gilbert Road (corner of Guadalupe and Gilbert Roads) in Gilbert. For additional information, call 480-497-0350 or visit www.maricopaworkforceconnection.com.

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