

Encore 'Navigators' Improve Health, Reduce Costs



At left, a community health worker helps a patient.
Photo courtesy of Minnesota Community Health Worker Program.

An ability to find your way through the health care maze could lead you to an encore career helping others as a "health navigator."

The promise of cost savings is fueling the growth of a new category of jobs helping patients understand medical advice, stick to their treatment plans and stay out of the hospital. The combination of healthier communities and lower costs creates a powerful encore career opportunity.

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More about encore careers in health care:

- [ReServe Health Navigators Help Reduce Hospitalizations](#)
- [From Broadcast Journalist to Certified Health Counselor](#)
- [Online Guide for Second-Career Nurses](#)
- [One autoworker's transition to nursing](#)

What's New

Have Your Say in Encore Nation



The floor is always open for discussion at Encore Nation, the section of Encore.org where members can post comments or questions to the whole Encore community. Among the lively topics: How are health care coverage concerns affecting your encore career plans? What do you think about "gap years" for boomers? What does it take to start your own nonprofit organization?

Encore.org members have also formed online groups specializing in Green Encores, Encores for Education, the Encore policy agenda and more. You can [start your own group](#) – or join Encore Careers groups on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and other social networks.

- [Join the discussion!](#)
- [Directory of groups on Encore.org.](#)
- [Check out the Encore Events Calendar](#)

Counterintuitive Advice for Your Encore Job Interview



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A job interview is a chance to promote your achievements and talk about your awards, right? Wrong! When looking for a nonprofit position, Laura Gassner Otting of the Nonprofits Professionals Advisory Group explains, you need to craft your story in a different way.

- [Read more](#)
- [Free Webinar on transitions to the nonprofit sector, from the Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group and Encore Careers. Thursday, June 25, at noon EDT.](#)

Retired as a Nurse, Hired as a Nonprofit Leader



Elaine Welch loved the freedom when she first retired from her career as a nurse. But having the cleanest closets in California didn't do much for her. She needed purpose, so she turned to volunteer service, which led to an encore career with an innovative nonprofit. It wasn't an easy time in her life or an easy transition, but now she says, "I know I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be."

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