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# Reclaiming Employment

## Course: *Visioning + Planning*

### MODULE 5: USING YOUR PLAN

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#### LESSON 2: NEXT STEPS

##### Chapter 1

The final part of the worksheet is “next steps.” Your first next step is to complete this plan-to-plan. Other important steps might include sharing your vision and mission, gathering information about your potential competition, listing the resources you might need, and brainstorming more strategies to avoid your worst barriers.

##### Chapter 2

As you list these steps on the worksheet, be as specific as you can. Describe what you will do, how you will do it, who you need to contact, and so on. Add due dates for yourself in the form of “estimated completion dates.” As you complete each step, note when it got done. This sort of tracking will help you get better at estimating timelines.

Limit your plan at this point to about 8 to 10 steps so you don’t get overwhelmed. Pause now and write out at least a few steps.

##### Chapter 3

Now, you have a plan to begin. It’s not a complete business plan, but it’s a start.

Remember, there are many pathways to starting a business and reaching your goal but none of them are obstacle free. They’re all going to be difficult at times. They’re all going to have certain difficulties although not all pathways will have the same difficulties. You’re going to have to make some choices and making choices can be hard.

In the next module, we’ll summarize everything we’ve learned in the course.