

NSCN Success Story: Shari

After hearing about the New Start Career Network (NSCN) through a networking group at BellWorks, Shari became a member.

Shari took advantage of the opportunity to work with an NSCN Volunteer Career Coach. She states, "My career coach helped me personally to take time for myself. He encouraged me to do something for myself because I was being pulled in many directions by my husband, children and elderly parents. My NSCN career coach was more of a counselor who kept encouraging me to take time for myself and something would eventually come my way. My career coach also emphasized making those connections."

Alan was the NSCN Volunteer Career Coach that worked with Shari. He had the following to say about her, "Shari was very motivated and organized from the beginning. She was open minded to try new roles and industries and to network with friends and prior colleagues. She was also very receptive to suggestions that I made."

She recently landed a job as a Business Analyst. Her new job is in the Healthcare industry which is a change from her 30 years of experience in telecommunications, most recently as a project manager. She explains, "I had done some business analyst work earlier in my career and I stressed those skills."

Shari shared that "I landed this position from a personal contact who told me about it and helped get my resume to the hiring manager. I got most of my job interviews by knowing

someone, or someone knowing someone else. I had very little luck with applying online through job boards.”

As Shari returns to work, she offers this advice to other individuals who are searching for work:

“Participate in as many of the networking and other events as you can. They are so worthwhile to meet others who are also searching for their next opportunity.”