



Emerging Career: Professional Organizers

Professional Organizers help others organize their lives, homes and offices.

We said: What is being an Organizer all about?

She said: I'm a self-employed professional. My specialty is home organization - closets, garages, playrooms, attics, you name it. I meet with clients that have an abundance of stuff. We figure out a game plan that includes storage, display, and disposal of items. Often the project includes the purchase of storage units or other furniture. I plan the date for the project and set a fee based on the number of hours of work. Usually I handle the actual organizing myself, but sometimes the clients help.



We said: What are the best and hardest parts of being an Organizer?

She said: The best part is being able to set my own schedule and getting paid for something that is fun. I love seeing the "valuables" people have stashed in closets and garages. The worst part is moving heavy boxes and getting really dirty. And, often it is difficult to convince people to get rid of things.

We said: How did you get started as an Organizer?

She said: I'm a very high energy person with a lot going on in my life. So I learned that the best way to be very successful and complete all of my projects is to be extremely well organized! My friends noticed that my life was really busy, yet everything got done on time. Pretty soon they started asking me to help them get organized. When my daughter's school asked me to give gift certificates for garage clean-up and organizing for a fund raiser, I knew I was on to something.

Secrets of the trade...



Most Organizers have strong business skills.



The ability to work with people is important.



Organizers should be efficient.