

## CANDIDATE RESOURCES

# We're Committed to You.

*Even when circumstances change, we're here for you.*

I hope you're staying healthy and well. I wanted to take the opportunity to reach out and acknowledge that many of the talented creative professionals in our network have lost work due to COVID-19. The incredible value you bring through your work and commitment to your clients and projects is unparalleled. We are hopeful that we can return to a sense of normalcy and get back to work sooner than later.

In this resource guide, we've collected employment and wellness resources to support you during this time, as well as some of our recent blog articles that may inform and help prepare you for freelancing during this time of crisis.

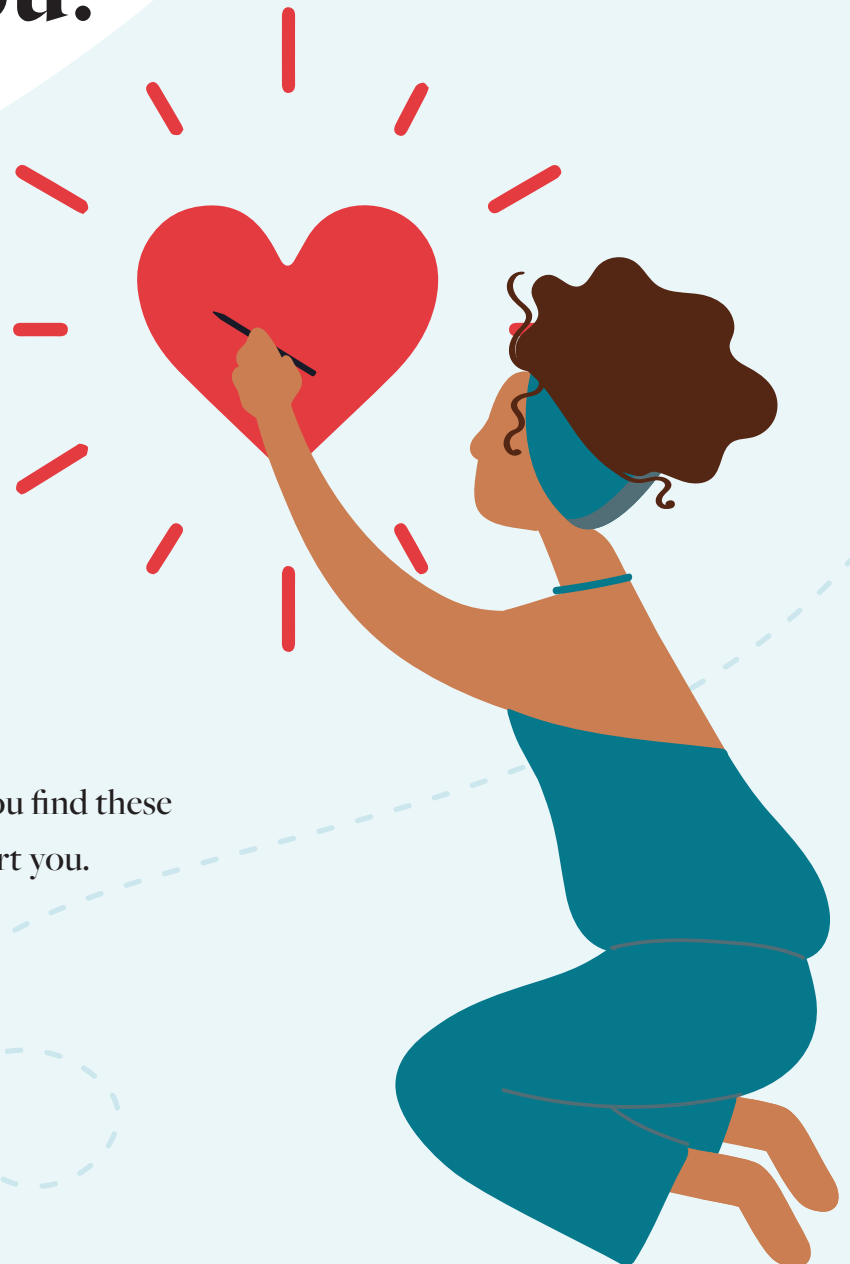
Please know that we're with you, and we're here for you. We hope that you find these resources helpful, and we will continue to do everything we can to support you.

In the meantime, we are sending you our best.

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## EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

As always, our team is here to support you in finding full-time and freelance placements. While there may be fewer available jobs nationally, **please continue apply to jobs via our site** and reach out to your local recruiter to learn more about current openings.

- **Learn more about unemployment benefits by state.**
- Small businesses or cooperatives (under 500 employees), sole proprietors, independent contractors, private non-profits — among others — are eligible for federal assistance. **To learn how to apply for the Paycheck Protection Loan, click here.**
- Employers and the self-employed can defer their payroll taxes through the end of the year. Those payments would be due in two portions at the end of 2021 and 2022. **More information here.**



## WELLNESS RESOURCES

- With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and social distancing measures, many people are reporting that their mental health has taken a toll. [Read more about the mental health resources available and coping strategies here.](#)
- Freelancers and independent contractors are able to claim sick leave if ill with coronavirus or caring for a sick relative. [Learn more.](#)
- Health insurance enrollment has reopened in some states. [Check out which ones and how to buy it here.](#) If your state isn't listed, you may qualify due to a recent job loss or other qualifying event. [Click here to check with your state.](#) You can also [check if you qualify for Medicaid](#), which is available year round.
- In taxing situations, rest is especially important for mental and physical well-being. [Read more about the importance of rest to brain function.](#)
- Creative Circle's Employee Assistance Program, provided by UnitedHealthcare and Optum, is open to all of our candidates and includes a free 24/7 emotional support line (866-342-6892), staffed by professionally-trained mental health experts.



## FROM OUR BLOG



Everything You Need  
to Know About the CARES Act if  
You're Not a Corporation



A Letter to Our Candidates  
from COO, Matt Riley



Find Yourself Working  
Remotely? Learn the Ropes.



Tips for Virtual  
Job Interviews



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