Selling Social Work Skills in Job Interviews

Social workers applying for a job in a nontraditional or business setting may find themselves in competition with candidates with more experience or education in a given field. If you are applying for a job in a nontraditional setting, highlight the following transferable skills to underscore the potential value you bring to a workplace:

**Collaboration**
the patience and vision to bring people together with opposing viewpoints, build connections, resolve conflict and foster healthy relationships.

**Community Organizing**
the ability to find commonalities around goals and identify paths to achieve those goals among groups of people.

**Facilitation**
the skill to improve engagement among project stakeholders and enhance each person’s connection to the overall mission and goals of the organization.

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