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Underprivileged youth receive career options through Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

AURORA, CO --- Arapahoe County has only a few openings left in their Hospitality Career Development Training for youth, ages 16-21, who are interested in developing a career in the hospitality industry. The training is free and will take place June 27-30, 2007.

This is a unique opportunity for underprivileged to get their feet wet, receive customized training and prepare for a career in the hospitality industry. Participants must fall in one of the following categories: pregnant/parenting, offender status, disabled, homeless/runaway, dropout, foster care status, food stamps or TANF participant, low-income, or youth who otherwise need assistance to become self-sufficient.

The training program is a collaboration between A/D Works! and Johnson & Wales University to expose youth to the hospitality industry and help them build industry-specific job skills. During the training, participants will spend four days and three nights at Johnson & Wales University where they will learn about the hospitality industry through hands on experiences, educational activities and presentations.

“Students will learn and interact with leaders from multiple companies throughout the program,” said Kelly McDougal, Youth Services Program Supervisor. “Students will tour at least two companies where they will see a career of choice in action (business, hospitality and culinary related). The program will conclude with a career fair on a multitude of businesses representing the hospitality industry.”

Students who complete the program will receive a Career Development Certificate and a \$500 scholarship to Johnson & Wales University. Youth who are in the top percent of program completion will attend a follow-up week long training composed of hands-on learning services to prepare the youth for a food/sanitation industry recognized certificate. These youth also will receive one-on-one job development services and opportunities beyond the career fair for specific job employment.

The program will provide businesses with entry level, ready-to-work youth who will have industry specific skills as well as leadership, teamwork and customer service skills to grow into high-skilled workers.

Request an application at 303-636-1196 or lgalvan@co.arapahoe.co.us. Completed applications are due April 13, 2007. Visit www.adworks.org for more information about A/D Youth in the Works!
