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Large turnout expected for Annual Youth Job Fair

AURORA, CO --- Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center's annual job fair designed specifically for youth ages 15 to 21 will take place 3 to 7 p.m., Monday, March 12, at the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, 4900 S. Syracuse St. Denver, CO 80237 (within walking distance of the light rail). The event is free, and parents are welcome.

The job fair helps younger workers find their first jobs, new jobs or jobs for new careers. Sponsored by A/D Works! Workforce Center and the Youth in the Works!, the fair is part of the Governor's Summer Youth Job Hunt program supported by 9News and the Colorado Department of Labor. Last year, more than 600 youth attended the event and job fair planners expect that number to increase.

"There are so many job opportunities for youth who attend this fair," says Kelly McDougal, Youth Services Manager for the Youth in the Works! program. Youth have an entire afternoon to visit with more than 30 Arapahoe County, Douglas County and metro-area businesses that are hiring for summer, part-time, and full-time employment.

McDougal strongly encourages youth to come prepared to interview for a job, which means proper attire, a resume if available and a real desire to work, and she recommends youth check out workforce center workshops in advance to get the latest tips on resume writing, interviewing and other job-hunting skills.

Businesses participate for free, making this fair one of the most cost-effective ways to hire. Most businesses hire 16 year olds and older, but many agencies offer volunteer activities or internships that cater to 15 year olds which lead to future employment. Safeway, King Soopers, Pirates Cove, City of Littleton, Petsmart, Mile High Youth Corp and Caymens Art Shop are just a few of the business already planning to attend.

There will be representatives from various industries including recreation, retail, hospitality, health and government. Each of these areas will offer a wide variety of jobs for youth to apply.

To find out more about the Annual Youth Job Fair and additional workshops, call Alisha Romero at 303-636-1249 or visit www.adworks.org.
