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### **Arapahoe/Douglas Works! hosts Sept. 25 Career Fair for mature job-seekers** *Workforce center offers customized services for workers over age 40*

**Centennial, CO** – Job-seekers age 40 and older are invited to a Sept. 25 Career Fair to gain ideas about job opportunities and learn how to market themselves in today's economy. Mature job-seekers can also tap into year-round services and events at the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center in Centennial.

"More than 57 percent of metro Denver's labor force is age 40 or older, and an increasing number of mature workers are planning to stay in their field or begin an encore career," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. "Arapahoe/Douglas Works! served more than 33,000 people age 40 or older last year. The workforce center will partner with employers during September's Workforce Development Month to highlight opportunities for mature candidates, who bring valuable experience to our workforce."

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will host a *Generations @ Work Employer Panel and Career Fair* for job-seekers age 40 and over Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the Red Lion Hotel, 3200 S. Parker Road in Aurora. Registration and networking will take place noon – 1p.m. Attendees will hear from a panel of employers from 1 – 2 p.m., where representatives from several of Colorado's top industries will share what they seek from potential candidates, their hiring process and company culture. Then job-seekers can speak directly with more than 10 hiring employers at a Career Fair from 2:30 – 4 p.m. Please register by calling 303-636-1160 or at [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org) under "Upcoming Events."

Mature job-seekers can also find an array of no-cost employment services at the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center, 6974 S. Lima Street, Centennial. In addition to serving job-seekers of all ages, the facility features a Generations @ Work Resource Center that caters to customers over age 40. It offers computers and staff support, individualized career counseling, résumé critiques and mock interviewing. The workforce center also offers targeted networking events, professional assessments and workshops on topics such as computer skills, changing careers or social media.

Through a partnership with the AARP Foundation, customers age 50 and older can get coaching and assistance to find an entry-level job in the medical field. As another option, eligible seniors age 55 and older can participate in the AARP Senior Community Services Employment Program, where they'll be trained by a host agency to gain or upgrade skills that are needed to be marketable.

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To learn more about the workforce center's no-cost services for job-seekers of all ages, please visit [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org) or call 303-636-1160.

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**Generations.jpg** and **Generations2.jpg:** Mature job-seekers visited the Generations @ Work Resource Center on Aug. 14 at Arapahoe/Douglas Works! in Centennial to receive support with their job-search.