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## **Learn how to start and run a business**

*Arapahoe/Douglas Works! offers no-cost, intensive entrepreneur academies*

**Greenwood Village, Colo.** --- The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center invites interested citizens to register now for no-cost entrepreneur academies designed to give participants the skills necessary for starting and managing a business. The two-week, intensive academies will be held 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 18-29 or May 16-27.

In order to participate in "Entrepreneur Essentials", a citizen must have been laid off from employment through no fault of their own anytime in the previous five years and have received unemployment insurance benefits. You may currently be employed, as long as you meet these criteria for prior unemployment and have a high desire to start your own business.

Participants will learn how to integrate marketing, product and service development, operations, strategies planning, financial and human aspects of a new enterprise. The course also will address funding sources to start a business. Classes will be facilitated by 360 Solutions, Inc., a provider of employee training services. You do not need to already have a business concept in mind to attend.

Following each academy, participants will have access to six months of bi-weekly coaching and mentoring by local entrepreneurs through 360 Solutions Inc. Participants also will receive three undergraduate credits at Arapahoe Community College, applicable toward a certificate or associates degree.

The location of the academies will vary between the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center in Greenwood Village.

Space in the academies is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register for the academies, please call Workforce Specialist Brie Weger at 303-636-1227. To learn more about the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center's free services for businesses and job-seekers, please visit [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org).

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