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Workforce center seeks guest speakers for youth job-readiness academies *Employers and industry reps invited to speak to classes, participate in hiring events*

Greenwood Village, Colo. --- The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center is seeking volunteers to speak about their careers to youth at after-school job academies in April. Local employers also are invited to participate in free hiring events on April 17 or 24 to recruit youth candidates for summer jobs.

The workforce center is creating the academies to help youth ages 14-21 gain job-ready skills, such as work values, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and more. It is also a way for local employers to educate youth about their industry and how to present themselves in a professional setting.

Guest speakers are needed to present on the hospitality, restaurant, customer service, amusement, entertainment and child care industries, which were selected based on the diverse types of jobs that they offer to young adults. Speakers are needed between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday during the weeks of April 12 or 19 in Castle Rock, Littleton or Aurora.

"If you are passionate about what you do, we encourage you to dedicate an afternoon to speak to local youth at our job academies," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. "You will be able to engage young people in a conversation about the work that you do, and inspire them to start thinking about their own professional course."

In addition, employers looking to hire in these industries are invited to participate in no-cost hiring events on the mornings of Saturday, April 17 and 24, which are open only to the youth who complete the academies. Locations and times are to be determined.

"If you plan to hire youth for summer jobs, please consider recruiting for those openings at our mini-hiring events," said Dyer. "We think that you'll find the young candidates who have completed the job-readiness training will bring a maturity and preparedness that you won't find anywhere else."

If you are interested in participating as a guest speaker or in a hiring event, please contact Carly Daelli at Arapahoe/Douglas Works! at 303-636-1497. For more information about the workforce center's free services for job-seekers and employers, visit www.adworks.org.

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