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Youth find jobs at Annual Youth Job Fair

Youth Job Fair a success for Arapahoe/Douglas Youth in the Works!

AURORA, CO --- More than 1,000 young adults attended the Annual Youth Job Fair sponsored by Arapahoe/Douglas Youth in the Works! The fair was part of the Governor's Summer Youth Job Hunt program supported by 9News and the Colorado Department of Labor.

This Fair was specifically designed to make it easier for youth, ages 14 -21, to find employment. Instead of finding transportation from one company to another to fill out job applications, this event brought 85 metro area businesses such as King Soopers, Kelly Services, Elitch Gardens, ABX Air, and First Transit searching for summer, part-time and full-time employees to one location.

Derek Felder, age 17, attended the event with his mom. "I need to find a job to pay for my car insurance," he said. "This event is bigger than I thought it'd be. I've filled out two applications already."

As an added perk, attendees who completed the A/D Youth in the Works! workshop series on job readiness skills earned VIP access into the Fair, allowing them to enter the fair one hour before it was open to the public, giving them unique one on one time with employers.

Although the Fair is over, A/D Youth in the Works! provides year round support to youth seeking employment, volunteer opportunities, job-readiness workshops and other programs such as the Hospitality Career Development Opportunity. Held June 2008, this program invites youth to receive presentations, hands-on experiences and workshops on the Hospitality industry.

Any one interested in applying for this program visit www.adworks.org or call 303-636-1260.

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Essence Cole, Ambrosia Collins, and Brianna Bass from Montview Academy learn more about Arapahoe County's Volunteer Connections program at the Youth Job Fair.

Derek Felder stops to fill out a job application from one of the 85 companies that attended the Arapahoe/Douglas Youth in the Works! Job Fair.