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## Large turnout expected for Annual Youth Job Fair

Arapahoe/Douglas Youth in the Works! helps youth wade into the job pool

**AURORA, CO** --- A young adult's quest for their first job can be an intimidating experience but it doesn't have to be. By participating in Arapahoe/Douglas Works! annual job fair designed specifically for youth ages 14 to 21, young adults can wade into the job pool with ease.

The Youth Job Fair takes place 3 – 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the Marriott DTC Hotel, located at 4900 S. Syracuse St in Denver (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 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 1,000 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 Folks, Program Manager for A/D Works! "Youth have an entire afternoon to visit with more than 60 Arapahoe County, Douglas County and metro-area businesses that are hiring for summer, part-time, and full-time employment."

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

As an added perk, A/D Youth in the Works! is offering a free youth workshop series on job readiness skills. All participants completing the series will receive VIP access into the Youth Job Fair, allowing them to enter the fair one hour before it is open to the public, giving them unique one on one time with employers.

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 some will also be interested in hiring 15 year olds. Many of these agencies offer volunteer activities or internships that lead to future employment.

Businesses from various industries including recreation, retail, hospitality, health and government will be hosting recruitment booths. King Soopers, Securitas Security Services USA, Kelly Services, Elitch Gardens, ABX Air, and First Transit are just a few of the business already planning to attend.

To find out more about this job fair and workshops, please call Alisha Romero at 303-734-5226 or visit [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org).

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