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Youth invited to register for job-readiness series and hiring event *Pre-summer workshops focus on tips and tools to gain employment*

Centennial, Colo. – Spring break is just around the corner, and it’s the perfect time for young adults to begin the hunt for summer employment.

The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center will host a three-day, no-cost job-readiness series known as the *Job Race* in March and a hiring event in April to assist local youth with preparing for and finding employment. Youth ages 14-21 may now register for a session beginning at 1 p.m. or 4 p.m. on March 21, 22 and 23 or March 27, 28 and 29 at the workforce center, 6974 S. Lima Street in Centennial.

The *Job Race* is sponsored by the [Governor’s Summer Job Hunt](#), a statewide initiative focused on youth employment. The series will focus on helping youth gain job-ready skills, such as completing a job application, writing a résumé, interviewing, work values and how to present oneself in a professional setting. Participants will complete a professional assessment and mock interviews, and will receive a USB drive loaded with their master application, résumé and tips for their job search.

“Arapahoe/Douglas Works! offers year-round support to individuals who are looking for a job or working toward educational goals. The workforce center helped 314 youth to find jobs last year,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. “However, teen unemployment in our nation remains above 23 percent, so the competition is fierce. Youth who participate in our unique *Job Race* will gain an advantage over their peers in the pursuit of summer jobs.”

Youth who complete the *Job Race* series will be invited to an April 3 hiring event at Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza in Aurora. The hiring event will be open exclusively to *Job Race* participants from 3 to 4 p.m., giving them an advantage to get in front of employers first. The hiring event will then open to the public for any youth to attend from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required to attend the hiring event. A résumé and professional dress also are required.

Employers also are welcome to participate in the hiring event at no cost to seek candidates.

Space in the *Job Race* series is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for the *Job Race* or to attend the youth hiring event, please visit www.adworks.org and click on “Upcoming Events” or call 303-636-1260.

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