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Summer Jobs for Young Job Seekers **Jeffco YouthWorks Offers Paid Internships to Eligible Youth Ages 14 to 24**

Jeffco YouthWorks will begin hiring for its 2009 Summer Internship Program. It's an opportunity for youth to explore different career areas, while learning new skills and gaining work experience. The first information orientation session is May 8. The program is set to begin in June and run through August. The seven-week internship program is open to eligible, young job seekers between the ages of 14 and 24.

Funding for the internship program is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Jeffco YouthWorks and local businesses are working together to create a successful internship program. The young job seekers will earn \$8 per hour and work 20 hours a week.

Businesses Benefit by Hiring an Intern

"For businesses, this is a great way to bring in more help without adding to your payroll or your HR cost. The hiring and skills review is the responsibility of Jeffco YouthWorks," says Stephanie Estes, program coordinator for Jeffco YouthWorks. "This offers businesses extra summer assistance at no cost, while giving young job seekers needed workplace experience and opportunity."

"We have all types of businesses participating in the internship program from manufacturing to hospitality. A wide range of employers are ready to work with our youth," adds Estes.

Who's an Eligible Job Seeker? How Does a Business Get Involved?

Businesses or youth interested in participating in the Jeffco internship program should visit the Jeffco Web site at www.jeffcoyouthworks.org. Businesses may also call Stephanie Estes for details at 303-271-4613.

The paid summer internship program is open to young job seekers who meet several criteria. Details and forms are on the Jeffco YouthWorks Web site. The first orientation class for youth is on May 8, and all required forms are due at that time. Also, young participants must be registered with Connecting Colorado at <http://www.connectingcolorado.com>.

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