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A/D Works! and partners provide health care pre-apprenticeship program

Young adults experiencing hands on learning opportunities in health care field

CENTENNIAL, CO – Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, a proud partner of the American Job Center network, has joined forces with the Greater Metro Denver Health Care Partnership, Adams County Workforce Center, Denver Workforce Services, Tri-County Workforce Center, the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative and the Colorado Area Health Education Center to provide a unique health care learning opportunity.

Young adults are learning through work based opportunities during a three week health care pre-apprenticeship program at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. The program will allow the students to explore different careers within the health care field, speak with industry professionals, participate in hands on health care related activities and receive entry level certifications, preparing them for a career in health care.

“The Greater Metro Denver Health Care Partnership’s greatest achievement is being the industry’s conduit for creativity, communications, connectivity and change,” said Elerie Archer, co-chair of the GMDHP and talent development manager at SCL Health. “Because of its association with community partners including educational institutions, the Greater Metro Denver Health Care Partnership was able to vet the curriculum before deployment to ensure participants are receiving the best preparation and experience.”

Participants applied earlier this summer for a spot in the program, which runs July 10 through 31. Those who successfully complete the program will earn a \$300 stipend paid through the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative. Upon completion, students will be exposed to apprenticeship opportunities in Colorado and are encouraged to apply for new health care apprenticeship programs including SCL Health’s Certified Nurse Aide Apprenticeship and Centura Health’s Medical Assistant Academy.

“I signed up for this program to improve myself,” said Brian Yost, one of the pre-apprenticeship students. “It’s a great opportunity to further my skills in the medical field.”

If the program is successful, organizers hope to offer future pre-apprenticeship opportunities in health care and other high demand fields.

The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Regional Workforce Center is located at 6974 S. Lima Plaza, Centennial 80112. Workforce Centers also are located in Littleton and Aurora. For more information on Arapahoe/Douglas Works! call 303-636-1260 or visit the A/D Works! website at www.adworks.org.

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