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Youth Job Fair April 11 at Anchorage Muldoon Job Center

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Employment Security Division has again partnered with other state and nonprofit agencies to help match youth with employers and volunteer opportunities.

"Everyone remembers the thrill of a first job – and a first paycheck," Acting Labor Commissioner David Stone said. "This event provides an opportunity for young Alaskans to connect with employers and allows employers an opportunity to tap into the talents of this group of potential employees."

The Youth Job and Volunteer Opportunity Fair will be Wednesday, April 11 from noon-5 p.m. at the Anchorage Muldoon Job Center. The event is free to exhibitors and job seekers.

The fair will focus on current or summer vacancies, apprenticeship, volunteer and internship opportunities, and educational programs in all industries for youth and young adults from 14-24.

About 15 percent of Alaska's workforce is 14 to 21 years old and most of them work in the private sector, often in seasonal jobs. For a summary of Alaska's child labor laws go online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/childlaw.htm and Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/forms/pam200.pdf.

Wage and Hour staff will be at the fair to approve youth work permits. All minors 16 and under must have a work permit on file with the Alaska Department of Labor. The form is online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/forms/workpmit.pdf.

Youth Job Fair sponsors include the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Anchorage United for Youth, University of Alaska Anchorage-Center for Human Development, Nine Star Education and Employment Services, and Alaska Job Corps.

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