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**WICHITA WORKFORCE CENTER KICKS OFF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT  
WITH SPRING BREAK BOOTCAMP**

**WICHITA, KS** - The Wichita Workforce Center, 2021 N. Amidon Suite 1100, is offering a Spring Break Bootcamp as part of the Youth Employment Project (YEP) 2016 on March 15 – 16 from 2pm – 5pm.

The Spring Break Bootcamp is designed for young adults 14-21 and will feature topics on job search, applications, resumes and interviews. Young adults who wish to attend the one of the three-hour Bootcamp sessions can register at [www.workforce-ks.com/yep](http://www.workforce-ks.com/yep). Additional workshops are scheduled in April and May and will include:

April 19<sup>th</sup>- Essential Skills

April 26<sup>th</sup>- Customer Service

May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Job Fair Etiquette

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Financial Literacy and Money Handling

In addition, young adults who attend one or more of the YEP workshops will be eligible to attend two YEP job fairs on May 7 and June 7. Employers from the community looking to hire for summer jobs will attend and some will conduct interviews on the spot.

“Young adult work experience opportunities provide exposure to the workplace, instill leadership and soft-skills, and prepare young adults for success in the local, regional, and global economy,” said Keith Lawing, president and CEO of Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. “The work experience is about more than job placement. Young adults learn about workplace ethics, financial literacy and long-term career opportunities.”

The Workforce Alliance (WA) Youth Employment Project is an opportunity to assist young adults in finding employment. Services to young adults through the YEP include assistance in resume creation, job search, preparing for interviews as well as education in soft skills, customer service and money management.

The Workforce Alliance (WA) has been involved in promoting young adult employment and work experience opportunities for at-risk young adults (16-21) since 2009. The strategy was initiated by funding from the federal government in 2009 and 2010, and the WA has leveraged Workforce Investment Act resources, proceeds from the Jobs FORE Youth Golf tournaments and contributions from employers to support youth work experiences from 2011 to 2015

*The Workforce Alliance is the Administrative Entity, One Stop Operator, and Program Administrator for Local Area IV in Kansas, which includes the counties of Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner. Operations for Local Area IV are directed by the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB). The daily operations of the LWIB are carried out by a professional staff, led by a President and Chief Executive Officer. For additional information on the Workforce Alliance please visit [www.workforce-ks.com](http://www.workforce-ks.com)*

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