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**WICHITA WORKFORCE CENTER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT WORKSHOPS  
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**WICHITA, KS** - The Wichita Workforce Center, 2021 N. Amidon Suite 1100, is offering workshops as part of the Youth Employment Project (YEP) 2018. Registration is now open for workshops beginning in March at [www.workforce-ks.com/yep](http://www.workforce-ks.com/yep).

YEP applicants must be at least 16 years old by June 1, 2018 to participate in a work experience. The YEP Workshops are open to all applicants, 14 and older. The curriculum is designed to teach business etiquette, customer service, money handling and address the unspoken rules of the workplace. Young adults will earn a badge for each workshop they complete and a Certificate after completing the series of three workshops (Workplace Etiquette, Financial Literacy and Keys to Employment) at the Wichita Workforce Center (Workshops are also being held in Butler, Cowley and Sumner Counties). **Workshops will be held in a one day session from 9am – 3pm.** Dates of the upcoming workshops are listed below. Registration is required to attend. *\*Prior to attending a workshop, youth must go to [www.KANSASWORKS.com](http://www.KANSASWORKS.com) and register with a PLUS account (no cost).*

**Workshop Dates:**

Wichita Workforce Center:  
March 20, 22 (March 20 is full)  
May 24, 30, 31  
June 5, 6, 12, 14

El Dorado Workforce Center:  
March 21

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In addition, young adults who attend the YEP workshop will be eligible to attend two YEP job fairs on May 25 and June 8. Employers from the community looking to hire for summer jobs will attend and some will conduct interviews on the spot.

“Youth work experience opportunities are declining. We are making a concentrated effort to work with other community organizations and businesses to provide jobs to youth so they can obtain the necessary skills needed for a future career,” said Keith Lawing, president and CEO of Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas.

YEP is a strategic initiative to assist young adults in finding a first job or valuable work opportunity. It is a community collaborative that includes the Workforce Alliance, City of Wichita, YMCA, USD 259, Butler Community College, Cowley First, Sumner County Economic Development Commission and other community based organizations, education providers and multiple employers. Services to young adults through YEP are leveraged from the Workforce Centers and include pre-employment career exploration, job preparation workshops and connection to employers who are hiring part-time and or temporary summer positions.

*The Workforce Alliance Local Workforce Development Board (WA) operates employment and training programs through the Workforce Centers of South Central Kansas in Butler, Cowley, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties. For additional information on the Workforce Alliance, please visit [www.workforce-ks.com](http://www.workforce-ks.com).*

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