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Empowering California's youth to find summer jobs

New Employment Development Department web page offers tips, tools and resources

SACRAMENTO – As part of its 2015 Summer Youth Employment campaign, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) introduces the [Path to Summer Youth Employment](#), a new online resource that offers California's youth the latest tips, tools and resources that will help guide them toward a summer job.

The new EDD resource web page features information about training workshops, enhancing skills like resume writing, and finding job openings, all designed to increase employment opportunities for the state's youth and help them get a jump in their future careers. *Path to Summer Youth Employment* will help applicants assess their current skills, examine industry talent needs, target training sources, find open positions, and prepare for interviews.

"Every summer many young Californians set out in search of their first jobs or focus on building their career skills," said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr. "Job hunting can be overwhelming, and EDD's new *Path to Summer Youth Employment* web page will give young people access to valuable online tools designed to help them transition to independence or achieve their educational and career goals."

This online resource is part of EDD's continued efforts to promote greater employment among the state's youth. Recently, the EDD conducted research that revealed 25-30 percent of California's nearly 2 million youth ages 16 through 19 years old would work if offered the opportunity. The research also found that entry-level positions for youth are typically concentrated in retail sales, and the food and service industries.

In the effort to help bring young job seekers and employers together, EDD is also reaching out to businesses to encourage them to take advantage of available no-cost employment services designed to match them up with the right candidates for their vacancies. Employers that have partnered with the EDD to provide jobs or prepare youth for the workforce see the benefits both for their companies and for their young employees.

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Several tips for youth on the *Path to Summer Youth Employment* web page include:

- Add the link to [Path to Summer Youth Employment](#) page to your smartphone for easy one-stop access to important job search assistance.
- Visit your local America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) to receive no-cost, one-on-one assistance with all of your job search activities, such as job referrals and interviewing techniques.
- Register on CalJOBSSM, EDD's online job system, which has the largest pool of job postings in California. And sign up to receive alerts and manage your job search while using the CalJOBSSM mobile app.
- Attend job fairs to meet lots of employers in one location – and many are often ready to hire on the spot.
- Sign-up for an Education and Training Program. A summer job can turn into a life-time career with the right training.
- If you are under 18, get a work permit. California law requires minors to have a work permit before they can be hired. Ask your school about getting one.
- "Like" EDD on Facebook and follow EDD on Twitter to stay on top of the latest news, such as workshops, job fairs and hiring events near you.

For more information, please see EDD's new [Path to Summer Youth Employment](#) online resource web page.

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