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Jobs are Alaska's Future



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### **Job Fair Offers Information on Health Care Careers**

65 employers to take part in April 25 event in Anchorage

ANCHORAGE – Alaskans hoping for jobs and/or training in the state's expanding health care and human services industry will be able to get information from more than 65 employers at a career fair in Anchorage on Wednesday, April 25.

The Healthcare and Human Services Career Fair, which runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Muldoon Job Center, 1251 Muldoon Road in Anchorage, will help Alaskans find good-paying jobs in a high growth industry, said Click Bishop, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The career fair is a cooperative project of the Labor Department's Job Center Network, the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association and the Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers (AADSC).

"A wide variety of health care and human service industry providers will be on hand to offer employment and training opportunities to Alaskans," Bishop said. "This job fair is a great opportunity for job seekers exploring their career options."

According to the November 2006 Alaska Economic Trends Magazine, half of the fastest growing occupations in Alaska are in the healthcare and human services industry. These include home health aids, personal and home care aides, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, mental health and substance abuse social workers and medical assistants. The two occupations in healthcare/human services with the most projected openings are registered nurses and personal and home care aides.

Over 43,600 jobs are projected in this industry in Alaska in 2014, up 33.5% from the 32,700 in 2004.

Additional information on careers in health care is available online at the state labor department website at [www.jobs.state.ak.us/healthcare.htm](http://www.jobs.state.ak.us/healthcare.htm) and on the AADSC home page at [www.aadsc.alaska.gov](http://www.aadsc.alaska.gov). The AADSC site includes a link to the Healthcare and Human Services Career Fair. Employers can take advantage of free registration by contacting the Business Connection at 907-269-4777.

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