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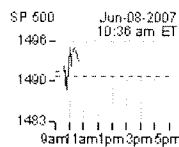
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A boot camp for tomorrow's workforce

Daily Press

MONTROSE — It might start with filling out an application, but local youth learned that getting and keeping a job takes much more.

"You guys are our workforce of tomorrow," Wendy Corley, Training Advantage career counselor at Montrose's Colorado Workforce Center, said to around 30 youth, ranging from 12 to 18 years old, during a "boot camp" summer youth program Wednesday.

"What we want to provide you with as a team, all of us workforce professionals, is proper skills, whether it be attitude, your presentation, application process and interviews ... someone here is professional and they know. They are really going to give you a lot of information," she said.

Corley set up a boot camp for youth two years ago through the Workforce Center. During the three-hour program, youth get most of the tools needed, in a "fast and furious" session, to find and keep a job, along with how to develop those skills into career exploration.

Joining Corley was Joyce Chenervert, career counselor for Training Advantage, Ann Hasse, Training Advantage supervisor, and several local business professionals.

Youth listened to Fox Cinema owner Clay Campbell discuss work ethics and what he, as an employer, looks for in an employee.

"How you take on tasks you are given, and how you get along, can take you a long way," Campbell said. "The more you give yourself into that job the more you'll be getting out."

Many participants had not been employed before

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other than babysitting, lawn mowing and farm work.

Tyler Clodfelter, 14, has mowed lawns before but is in the process of applying for jobs. He said he attended the program to learn more about finding a job. He's applied at a few places and had not been called back.

"Maybe if I'd called them back," he said.

During the session, Corley, Chenervert and Hasse took the participants through different activities such as a "Jeopardy"-style game about rules and ethics, ages and jobs, and hours and wages.

"It is really important for you youths to know your rights," Corley said.

Youth learned about what jobs they are able to get at what age, hours they are limited to work and important ethics such as honesty and promptness.

"You ask businesses what the biggest problem right now with employees is and they'll say work ethic," Dave Fullerton, SOS Staffing director, said.

Vanessa Sprang, owner of Travelin' Tots, discussed the importance of appearance.

"Dress where you want to go, not where you are," she said.

Finding out the dress code of where you are applying is another good idea, she told youth. "You don't want to be the most underdressed person in the room."

One issue employers deal with more today than in the past with potential employees is tattoos and piercings. She said it is important to know you want to represent the organization, and these self-expressions don't achieve that.

Cell phone messages and ringtones were among the area touched on by Adam Miller of Elderado Financial. He pointed out to youth that if they have a favorite song that plays while the caller waits, they may want to change it to a not so "risky" song that could be offending and discourage the employee from finishing the call.

One of Miller's key points was that the interviewee has the advantage.

"When you get an interview with an employer, they are so sick of interviewing by the time you get to their door that they want to hire you. They are hoping that the next person that walks in is the right person," Miller said. "They want to be

your employer. So the first step is a positive step.”

Participants had a chance to watch several mock interviews with their peers. Amiessa Jutten, business operations assistant for the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, used two audience volunteers. The interview questions were targeted towards the age group, with questions about school projects and leadership roles.

Corley said the program is important because it conditions kids who are just starting out in the workforce. She added that there needs to be more, ideally workshops that zero in on the topics that were discussed during the boot camp.

“It is difficult if you are under 16 to get a job,” said Wendy Jones, mother of session attendee, 15-year-old Alex Jones. “There needs to be programs for 14-year-olds and older. It would benefit a lot of kids — keep them out of trouble and give them experience. I found out (about the boot camp) and signed (Alex) up. I feel she needs as much exposure as possible.”

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