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Job Fair planned to fill over 50 positions for the New YDC

The City of Washington, in partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Georgia Department of Labor, will be hosting their first of several Job Fairs to help fill over 50 new positions that will be coming to Wilkes County. With the opening of the new Youth Detention Center, located at 1430 Industrial Park, the facility will have a staff of approximately 100 employees, of which an estimated 50 will be new hires. It is set to open December 2017, but they will begin hiring as early as May with payroll beginning in July. They will use these five months in between to train employees.

“We really want to tap into the local sources to fill these jobs here in Wilkes County and surrounding counties” stated Willie C. Bolton, Board Member of the DJJ. Mr. Bolton is a native of Wilkes County and was an integral part of seeing that the YDC located to Wilkes County. “When I knew that the Washington County location was shutting down, and I knew that Wilkes County had a building sitting vacant (old Pre-Release Center), I knew I had to try and get them to locate to Wilkes County.

City Leaders met with representatives of the DJJ and with the GA DOL. Planning began right away to provide the venue in which to host the Job Fairs. “We want to give our residents the first opportunity to apply for these jobs coming to Wilkes County”, stated City

Administrator Bailey. “We will be hosting several Job Fairs at the Pope Center over the coming months, until all the jobs are filled”.

According to DJJ Regional Recruiter, Joseph Barnett, they will be filling “all skill levels, from GED to Master’s Degree”. They will need teachers, principals, guidance counselors, behavioral & health services, office staff, food service workers, janitors, and much more. The DJJ affords many opportunities to the Youth in their Center. They are a member of the Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA), which is an accredited school system. It offers the opportunity for youth to earn a high school diplomas from a system that is accredited through SACS and CAE.

The Department of Juvenile Justice offers great benefits to their employees to include; government discounts, Georgia State Pension & Savings plan, 401(K) plan, Health insurance with all the added perks (vision, dental, etc.), twelve paid holidays and up to three weeks of vacation and leave, and up to 15 days sick leave per year.

SAVE THE DATE

May 4th will be the first Job Fair offered. It will run from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pope Conference Center**, located at 48 B Lexington Avenue. Applicants should bring their resume with them and be prepared to take pre-employment tests on site. They will have the ability to hire on site



For more information visit WWW.DJJCAREERS.ORG. You can also check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDJJ/

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Calendar:

- ❖ The City Council meets April 10th: Work session begins at 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.