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County and Hillsdale Shopping Center Hosting Free Job Fair for Youth

San Mateo, Calif. – The County’s Jobs for Youth program and Hillsdale Shopping Center are partnering to host a job fair for youth age 14-21 on Thursday, June 14, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

According to the California Employment Development Department, the unemployment rate for California youth age 16-19 has increased by 2% since April 2011 and is currently hovering around 36%.

With help from Jobs for Youth and Hillsdale Shopping Center, county youth are going to get a head start in the world of employment. During the job fair, ten stores as well as Hillsdale Shopping Center, representing over 120 stores and restaurants will accept applications. In addition, youth service organizations will provide employment and education information. Every half hour, beginning at 2:30 pm, Jobs for Youth will offer Job Preparation workshops and Skyline College will hold Financial Aid workshops.

“This is an exceptional program,” stated Bryan Rogers, newly-appointed director of the County’s Workforce Development office, “With the help of our partners, this fair gives youth the opportunity to learn about employment, education and services. All of which will give our county youth a critical advantage as adults in a tight job market.”

The Youth Job Fair will take place in the Center Court at Hillsdale Shopping Center, 60-31st Ave, San Mateo. There is no fee to participate. All youth age 14-21 are welcome.

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About San Mateo County’s Jobs for Youth: Since 1982, Jobs for Youth has offered youth age 14-21 no-cost employment services including job preparation workshops, one-on-one mock interviews, job referrals, and internship and volunteer opportunities. Jobs for Youth serves approximately 3,000 youth per year. These services are offered through PeninsulaWorks – San Mateo County’s premier source for employment and training solutions. PeninsulaWorks is located at 271-92nd Street in Daly City. For more information, visit www.peninsulaworks.org or call 650.301.8440.

About Hillsdale Shopping Center: Hillsdale Shopping Center is a leading shopping destination that offers more than 120 specialty stores and restaurants. The Shopping Center is located at 60-31st Ave. in San Mateo, CA. For more information visit www.hillsdale.com or call 650.345.8222.