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**WELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RECEIVES  
PROMISING PRACTICES AWARD AND FUNDING**

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the Weld County Department of Human Services (DHS) received the Promising Practices Award and \$1,000 from the Colorado Workforce Development Council and the State Youth Council in recognition of the Career Path Practices for Youth program in Weld County.

The funds awarded for this program will be utilized to support a Healthcare Career Boot Camp, a Career Pathways initiative scheduled to take place this summer. The Healthcare Career Boot Camp will be in collaboration with Aims Community College and is designed to expose youth to a variety of Healthcare Career Pathways to include but not limited to Medical Assistants, Nursing, Radiology Technicians, Surgical Technicians and Emergency Medical Technicians.

“The Healthcare Career Boot Camp is another great program DHS provides for youth in Weld County,” said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. “This program will give youth the jump start they need to plan a successful and rewarding future in a career they enjoy.”

The camp is a hands-on learning opportunity where youth participants will have the opportunity to meet with numerous professionals representing different career paths and provide youth with experiences to help them make informed decisions regarding their career opportunities.

“Congratulations to the Employment Services staff at DHS,” said Commissioner Julie Cozad, coordinator for DHS. “We are proud of them for receiving this award and excited to see the outcome of the Healthcare Career Boot Camp.”

For more information on the Healthcare Career Boot Camp call Leslie Galindo, Weld County Youth Programs Case Manager, at 970-353-3800 ext. 6764.

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