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Health Care Career Fair Set for April 20 in Anchorage

JUNEAU, Alaska—Health care has added more than 11,000 jobs to the Alaska economy in the last decade – from 21,800 jobs in 2001 to 33,200 in 2011.

More than 55 industry representatives will provide information about jobs, careers and training at the Healthcare and Human Services Career Fair on Friday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University Center Mall, 3801 Old Seward Highway.

The career fair is a cooperative project of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Sadler's Home Furnishings, University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Rural Health and Morris Alaska Media Group.

Health care industry jobs include registered nurses, home health aides, personal and home care aides, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, medical assistants, and mental health and substance abuse social workers.

According to the Alaska Department of Labor's Research and Analysis Section, the health care and social assistance industry sector is projected to outperform most other industries with a 26.5 percent rate of growth in new jobs from 2008 to 2018, the latest forecast available. In addition to the new jobs projected, additional job openings are projected as a result of replacing workers who change occupations, retire or leave the labor force for various reasons.

The fair is free and open to the public. Free employer registration for the fair is available through the Anchorage Business Connection at 907-269-4777.

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Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Career Fairs
Jobs.Alaska.Gov/jobfairs/

Alaska Economic Trends August 2011 – Alaska's Health Care Industry
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