

# THE STATION

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## SPRING INTO A NEW JOB AT CASTLEGAR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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We had to say so long to our Program Coordinator, Christie McGilp, as she is moving on to a new and challenging career. Her dedication to supporting local youth in their efforts to find employment and to 'go that extra mile' in helping connect them with basic services was impressive to say the least. She will be very much missed at CYES by coworkers and many of the youth and has left some rather large shoes to fill.

Luckily, we have found just the person in Kristel Tymchen who has decided to make the move from the Youth Centre to take over as Program Coordinator. She brings, with her, extensive experience working with youth and we have every confidence that she will continue to have successful programming.

With spring fast approaching we know that we will have many calls for yard cleanup and general maintenance through out the spring/summer/fall months. Casual Jobs are a cost effective way for busy homeowners to get the work done. Call us and post a Casual Job @ 365-8432.

Live in Blueberry and can't get to the downtown location???

No Problem! Check out the job board at the Blueberry Community School or come visit us ON LOCATION at the the Blueberry Community School every 2nd Tuesday. (See attached calendar for dates)



### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Hours:

Mon - Fri

9:00 to 4:30

(closed between 12-1pm for lunch)

875 Columbia Ave., Castlegar

Phone: 365-8432

Fax: 365-8404



## WANT TO BE ON OUR CASUAL LIST?

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CASUAL JOB LIST SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING A LITTLE OR A LOT OF SPARE CASH TO FILL IN SOME TIME AFTER SCHOOL OR ADDING TO A PART TIME JOB THEN DROP IN TO THE CENTER TO SIGN UP. WE OFFER WORK SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU IN WRITING COVER LETTERS AND RESUMES. WE UPDATE OUR JOB BOARD EACH WEEK SO KEEP POPPING IN TO SEE IF THERE IS SOME-

THING THAT CATCHES YOUR ATTENTION.

WE ALSO SUGGEST CHECKING ON THE WEBSITE JOB BOARD AT:

[www.stationyouthcentre.com](http://www.stationyouthcentre.com)

Or call

250-365-8432

(Kristel)

# GET THE JUMP ON YOUR NEXT SUMMER JOB

## Jump on the competition.

Dressed in baggy pants and a T-shirt, 19-year-old high-school student, Jesse, visited dozens of restaurants last July looking for a job. Too nervous to ask for the manager, he thrust his poorly typed résumé at the first cashier or waiter he saw. If asked to come back, Jesse couldn't work up enough courage. Needless to say, he didn't find work.

Not only did Jesse make several mistakes in his approach to finding a job, he was facing stiff competition. As increasing numbers of Canadians pursue postsecondary education, high-school students must compete with them for summer jobs – and the postsecondary school year ends one to two months earlier. In 2000 only about half of Canada's 2.2 million full-time students over the age of 15 found summer jobs. This year the federal government predicts a slight rise, to about 54 percent.

Nevertheless, every summer more than a million students do find employment.

### 1- Work with your child to identify strengths.

If she loves reading, she'll probably like working at the library. But if she faints at the sight of blood, she shouldn't apply at a blood-donor clinic. A job she enjoys will launch her into the working world with a positive attitude. But help your children be realistic. Encourage your teen to keep an open mind. Since most high-school students don't support themselves, they can explore different types of work before they commit to an expensive education. And even the most unlikely summer job may lead to a career.

### 2- Check the paperwork.

To get a jump on the university students, teens should polish their résumé and interview skills before hitting the streets in April. "If they wait until June, many jobs are taken, and it's doubly stressful to go to interviews while writing finals," says Shannon Thrussell, consultant for Human Resources Canada's Hire-A-Student program in Ontario.

If you don't feel confident helping your child write the all-important résumé, high schools, job centres and the Internet can help.

Review her history for accuracy and remind her of any assets or experience she may have overlooked—awards for hard work or punctuality, swimming lessons. Remind her to include teams she has joined, whether soccer or a gym-decorating committee, that show she can work with people. Help brainstorm for references. Teachers or coaches might provide a letter, or your teen can ask her baby-sitting clients, minister or a family friend.

Don't forget to apply for a social insurance number, which takes about six weeks by mail from Human Resources Development Canada.

**3- Practice for the interview.** "The interview is undoubtedly the most challenging part of a job search. If your child writes down and rehearses the answers, she'll feel more confident.

Employers say the quality they most look for is enthusiasm. Eagerness is key.

EXCERPT for Reader's Digest—BY ELINOR FLORENCE

