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Youth Registration Closes May 3 for Business After School Health care Week

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Apr. 14, 2016) – Teens and young adults interested in visiting local businesses and learning about careers in health care have until **May 3** to register for Business After School Health care Week.

Business After School Health care week is May 9-13 and is open to teens and young adults, ages 16-24. Companies hosting events are: Beacon Hill Rehabilitation and Happy Kids Dentistry & Orthodontics, both in Longview.

The companies are hosting two-hour events at their locations and will be providing company tours, hands-on activities and discussions of the necessary education, training, skills and future job prospects.

- May 11, 2-4 p.m. – Beacon Hill Rehabilitation, Longview, WA
- May 12, 4-6 p.m. – Happy Kids Dentistry & Orthodontics, Longview, WA

To register to attend an event and for additional information, visit <http://www.business-after-school.org/events-registration>.

There is no cost to attend, but **registration is required (no drop-ins) and space is limited**. Youth under age 18 **must** be accompanied by an adult, with a maximum 10 students to one chaperone.

Many industries will face labor shortages in the near future as long-time employees retire and industry growth outpaces trained workers. Bridging this gap is critical and why the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and founding event partners Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce, Lower Columbia College, Cowlitz Economic Development Council, Clark College, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Washington State University Vancouver created Business After School to help teens and young adults learn about and explore high-growth industries and gather information about career opportunities and skills they'll need to obtain jobs.

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