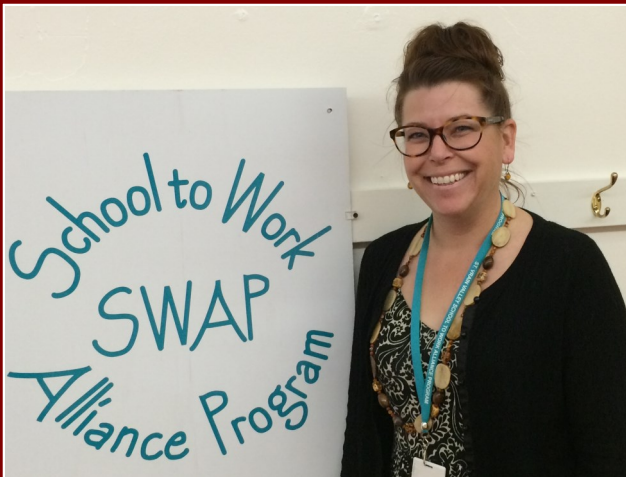


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## Welcome Heidi, our new SWAP Specialist



Heidi Fishler is the newest team member of SWAP. Heidi was raised in Central City, NE and continues to be a Husker fan in spite of their struggles. Heidi attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney and graduated with a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Degree specializing in Juvenile Commu-

nity Based Rehabilitation. She has a variety of experiences working with young adults and teens through programs such as Probation/Parole Mentoring and Tracking, Wilderness Leadership program, and Transitional Services through group homes and residential care with creating/facilitating an Independent Living Group curriculum. Heidi has a passion for working with young adults to make those hard transitions from high school to adulthood through their struggles/barriers and being that consistent support in their journey. Heidi is very excited to become part of the SWAP team.

*The School to Work Alliance Program works with young adults who have mild to moderate needs in employment to help them find and keep jobs.*

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### 2015 Marks 10th Annual Job and Career Fair

On March 12 Workforce Boulder County hosted the 10th annual Job and Career Fair for Teens and Young Adults. A total of 705 youth attended the fair this year. Approximately 110 completed a mock interview, and 65 had their resumes critiqued.

Youth were able to access 56 businesses to talk about career opportunities, 42 businesses to apply for over 700 job openings, 4 non-profit agencies for volunteer opportunities, and 9 agencies offering various services.



SVVSD School to Work Alliance Program

Check out:

- ◆ Job Listings
- ◆ Hiring Events
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## Featured Business Partner:

**King Soopers**

**South Hover**



**From left: Richard (Front End Manager), Adrian, Rhonda Lamach (Administrative Assistant), Mark**

King Soopers on South Hover has been a long time partner with the School to Work Alliance Program. Rhonda Lamach, Administrative Assistant, knows some people need a little more training and assistance when starting a job and is willing to go the extra mile with our young adults to give them that extra help.

Mark was working at a local business but needed more hours than the business could give him. Through the combined efforts of SWAP and King Soopers Mark has become a successful and valued employee. He has been employed with them for 3 years.

Adrian has been employed for a little over a month and is doing well.

King Soopers on South Hover continues to support area youth as they transition to employment. We congratulate and thank King Soopers for their community outreach and collaborative efforts!

### Success with SWAP

According to the Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy's latest statistics the employment rate for youth without disabilities continues to be about twice as high as those with disabilities.

Through partnering with other agencies and businesses the SVVSD School to Work Alliance Program has been able to almost triple the rate (60% vs 21.9%).

### 2014 Youth Employment Rate (%)

#### Average January - August

Age 16 - 24	Disability	No Disability
	21.9	47

# DVR News Flash

**Good news!**

**After 2 years the wait list for DVR is gone!**

**On April 30, 2015 the remainder of clients on the wait list were released.**

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