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Young workers need more than a job to start work

WHITEHORSE – A new employment standards education guide for students and parents, *You Need More Than a Job to Start Work*, was tabled today in the Yukon Legislative Assembly by Community Services Minister Archie Lang.

"This book explains the world of work, employment standards, employer expectations, and what young workers can do to be safe and successful," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "I encourage all teens and their parents to attend the upcoming open house."

The Department of Education is hosting an open house and book launch on Wednesday, May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in its Lewes Boulevard building. The young worker safety coordinator, with the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, will speak at the event and be on hand to answer questions.

"This guidebook will serve as a useful resource in Yukon classrooms, particularly in the Planning 10 classes," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "The book addresses employment standards, employee rights and responsibilities and promotes social responsibility."

"This open house is part of our social marketing aimed at encouraging young workers to develop a positive attitude toward safety in the workplace," Glenn Hart, minister responsible for the Workers Compensation Board said. "Workplace safety requires young workers to develop a knack for identifying workplace hazards, learning the safety rules and preventing accidents in the workplace."

Those planning to attend the May 12 open house and book launch are asked to pre-register with the Labour Services branch by calling 667-5944.

The employment standards guide for students and parents is available in English and French at www.community.gov.yk.ca. Yukon students will find the booklet in high schools this fall.

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