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Ring in the New Year!

Stroller, Car Seat Rentals Now Available

Traveling with small children? You can now rent strollers, car seats and other kid essentials inside Denver International Airport through Veia Kids. Located near the passenger arrival area in the center of the Great Hall on Level 5, the company offers convenient access to rental strollers and car seats so passengers can skip bringing those items on aircraft as checked luggage. The company also offers rental Pack 'N Play® sets and sells diapers, pacifiers, bottles, organic snacks, wipes and other kid products. Other rental items include brand name kid-carrier backpacks and kid tents.



Veia Kids, now open on Level 5 of Jeppesen Terminal in the atrium, offers passengers the opportunity to rent strollers, car seats, and other travel essentials for children.

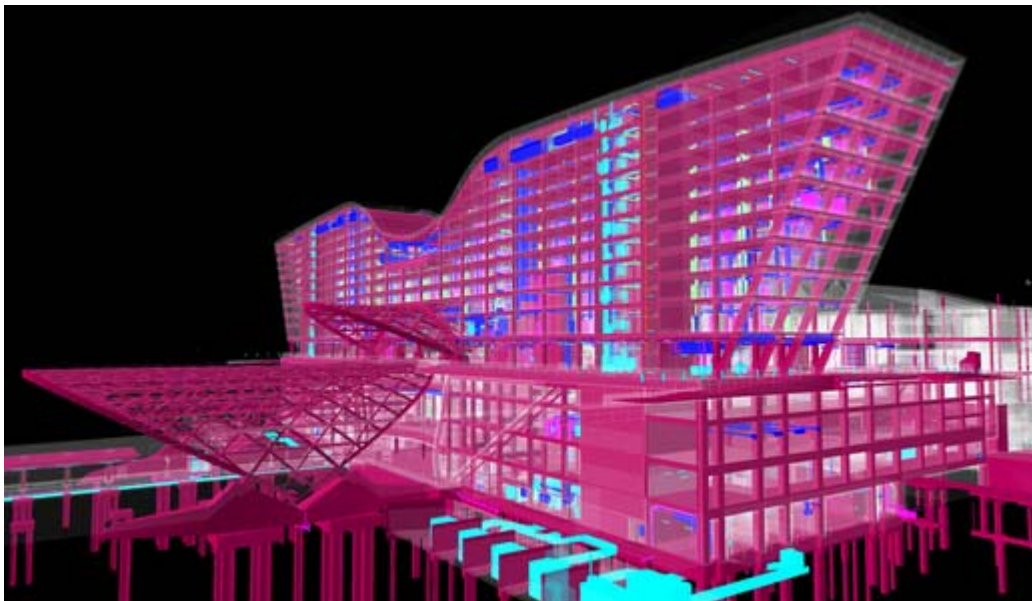
Founded by two dads, Ruble Henderson and Andrew Kucera, this Colorado Springs-based company worked with the DEN Commerce Hub to become part of DEN's innovative cart and kiosk program. Operated and managed by Provenzano Resources, LLC, the cart and kiosk program enables small businesses to test new concepts and do business at the airport without a large capital investment.

"Our families are passionate about traveling, and we're passionate about sharing that love with our children," Henderson said. "But we recognize there are significant challenges when traveling with children, and Veia Kids will help ease one of the major burdens of traveling with kids—transporting large strollers and other equipment onto aircraft and through the airport." Veia Kids offers the ability for customers to secure rentals online, at www.veakids.com, and offers free pick-up and drop-off right in the baggage claim area. The location is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

Have a business idea for DEN that you would like to explore? Contact the DEN Commerce Hub at (303) 342-2351 to speak with a business liaison or view our website at: business.flydenver.com/bizops/commercehub.asp

Denver International Airport Offering BIM Training at Your Firm's Location

DEN representatives can now visit your business location during the lunch hour to discuss what the airport is doing with Building Information Modeling (BIM); how we differ in our needs from many other owners; and how the airport's Asset Management Team is using the information we require. These sessions allow members of your staff to engage with DEN staff at your office instead of at the airport. Time is provided for feedback and discussion regarding DEN processes and standards. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to ensure that we can fully address them during the presentation. For more information or to schedule a session, contact Brendan Dillon, BIM manager, at (303) 342-2676 or Brendan.Dillon@flydenver.com.



This 3-D image of the Westin Denver International Airport shows Building Information Modeling (BIM), which is a process that provides insight to help you plan, design, construct, and manage buildings and infrastructure.

Update on Airport Infrastructure Management Outreach Sessions in December

As we mentioned last month, DEN's Airport Infrastructure Management team held three outreach sessions on Dec. 8 regarding its upcoming construction procurements. Twenty seven firms, including six new contractor firms, attended. At the session on the SBE-Defined-Pool On-call Construction RFP, 13 firms attended, two of which were new to the process. Fourteen attendees joined the session on the Prime On-call Construction RFP, and seven firms, including four new contractors, attended the discussion for the Lift Station #1 bid. Watch for more announcements of similar outreach sessions by registering on our website at <http://business.flydenver.com> or reading this newsletter.

October Passenger Traffic Sets Record at Denver International Airport

DEN served 4,828,076 passengers in October, an increase of 4.6 percent compared to the 4,616,603 passengers in October 2014—setting a record for the busiest October in Denver aviation history and marking the second consecutive month of record-setting traffic at the airport. Year-to-date passenger traffic is now slightly up with 45,050,171 passengers compared to 45,045,563 passengers during the same timeframe in 2014. Overall international passenger traffic increased more than 3 percent in October.

“October was the busiest month for United Airlines at Denver International Airport in the past five years, while Southwest Airlines saw its eighth consecutive month of double-digit passenger increases,” said airport CEO Kim Day.

Additionally, mail, freight and express cargo operations handled 47,815,499 pounds of cargo, a 0.5-percent increase in October compared to the same month last year. Year-to-date cargo totals 455.09 million pounds, which is a 7-percent increase over the same period in 2014. The complete October 2015 traffic report is available at: http://flydenver.com/about/financials/passenger_traffic.



Denver International Airport Supports Education Programs in Denver and Adams County





For the sixth year in a row, Denver International Airport through the Commerce Hub's education partnerships program participated in the Denver Public Schools Eighth Grade Career Fair, held in October each year. More than 4,000 eighth graders participate by visiting the tables and displays related to the careers in which they may be interested. As part of the Transportation group, DEN staff shares information about the many diverse careers in aviation and encourages students to pursue courses that would provide them with the necessary education and training.

This fall, DEN Commerce Hub staff also participated in two education programs through the Adams County Education Consortium. The first program was Adams County 9to5, which provided high school students an opportunity to visit DEN on any one of five Wednesday afternoons to experience the airport and learn about the careers at the airport. In addition, Commerce Hub staff is participating in the Career Expo for eighth graders in Adams County.

Middle school is a critical time to engage students in an interest or passion. We find that many students have never thought about the airport as a place to work unless they are interested in being a pilot or flight attendant. We want them to know that there are jobs in many other fields, such as security, engineering, accounting, environmental management, art, law enforcement, and fire protection, among others. DEN continually replenishes its staff of 35,000 as they retire or seek other employment. And when you consider that the airport can double in size over the next 50 years, DEN will need today's students as future workers.

Denver International Moves up in National Ranking for Healthy Dining Options



Many healthy food options are available at Denver International Airport, and not all are salads (although there are plenty of unique salads). For example you can find portobello mushroom sandwiches, a roasted eggplant and red pepper panini, or a sunflower seed burger.

For the third year in a row, Denver International Airport has been named one of the top U.S. airports for healthy food options. DEN ranks number five on the 2015 list of the country's busiest airports with the healthiest airport food options, according to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization. According to the study, 80 percent of the airport's restaurants offer at least one qualifying cholesterol-free, plant-based entrée, such as leafy green salads, veggie wraps or black bean burgers. This year's ranking moves Denver up two spots from last year's list.

"Visitors to the Mile High City can take healthful eating to new heights by sampling green salads with grilled portobello mushrooms and toasted pumpkin seeds at Denver Chophouse," the report reads. "Chef Jimmy's Bistro dishes out vegetarian sandwiches and a Kung Pao salad served with vegetables and noodles. Pour La France serves a roasted eggplant and red pepper panini and a Provençale salad with sun-dried tomatoes, sliced mushrooms, and garbanzo beans. Those looking for extra West Coast crunch can head to Colorado Sports Bar for a sunflower seed burger or stop by Root Down DIA for a roasted Brussels sprouts and squash salad. Root Down's Concourse "C" aesar – made with a blend of greens, radishes, scallions, and miso dressing – remains ever popular."

DEN's concessions program consists of more than 170,000 square feet of retail space inside the airport that includes more than 140 locations offering an exciting culinary, fashion and retail experience. "

Have a healthy eating option you would like to serve at DEN? Contact the DEN Commerce Hub at (303) 342-2351 to talk to one of our business liaisons about opening a restaurant at the airport.

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