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Clayton County Gears Up For Work Ready Week

Jonesboro- The week of November 14, 2011, has been designated Work Ready Week in Clayton County. The county's Work Ready Team has partnered with various community stakeholders such as the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, Clayton County Public Schools, Clayton State University and Archway in order to make this event a success.

Georgia Work Ready was created to ensure that Georgia's workers have the best skills, easy access to training and world class job opportunities. The backbone of the initiative is the Work Ready Certificate, which assesses the real world skills of Georgia's workers. Georgians can use their Work Ready Certificate to prove their work readiness to potential employers. The program also offers gap training aimed at helping to improve certificate scores, enabling career growth and continued on-the-job success. This, combined with an innovative job profiling process that accurately identifies the exact skills required for specific jobs is helping create the perfect match between Georgia workers and jobs. There are four designated assessment locations for county residents: The Perry Center for Learning, the Career Resource Center, Designated Parent Resources Centers (CCPS), and Atlanta Technical College.

Lisa Cameron, Research & Marketing Analyst, Clayton County Office of Economic Development has diligently managed the state-wide initiative for the county. Cameron is excited about bringing about a greater awareness of the program and its benefits to Clayton County residents. "The Georgia Work Ready Certificate is transforming the state workforce into our number one competitive advantage. By ensuring that Clayton County workers have the best skills and training opportunities, the Work Ready Certificate can guarantee that businesses are able to match the talent and the resources they need to succeed today and in the future. That translates into more job opportunities for our residents."

Listed below are some of the activities that have been planned for the week:

- Monday, November 14 (10am – 6:30pm) - Activities at the Perry Center for Learning Testing Site including the ARC's Workforce Mobile lab (Jonesboro, GA)
- Tuesday, November 15 (6:30pm – 8:00pm) - ARC's Workforce Mobile lab and Designation of Work Ready Week by the Board of Commissioners, 112 Smith Street (Jonesboro, GA)
- Wednesday, November 16 (11:30am – 6:00pm) - Work Ready Registration Day at Clayton State University - Continuing Education Building (Morrow, GA)
- Friday, November 18 (8:00am) Work Ready Week Breakfast Wrap Up
1588 Westwood Way (Morrow, GA)

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