The Dental application has been approved, and the Mental application is still under review. A Masters Public Health graduate assistant was hired to assist with the FQHC project.

More than 2,080 hours of research and 4,160 person hours have been invested in this project (see attached article and FQHC report). This work by the FQHC team has translated into an estimated $40,000 in savings to the community.

Next Steps:
The FQHC team awaits status of the HPSA Mental application review.

Clayton County does not qualify as a county-wide HPSA for Primary Care; thus, the FQHC team will be applying for partial-county HPSA designation for Primary Care in 2012.

HPSA/FQHC Designations

The University of Georgia’s (UGA) Clayton Archway Partnership, Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH), Clayton State University (CSU), and Southern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) partnered with Southside Medical Center (SMC) to establish additional Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC) in Clayton County in order to provide high quality affordable healthcare for Clayton residents.

Accomplishments:

Three Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) applications were completed during 2011 and reviewed by the State Office of Rural Health: 1) Dental; 2) Mental; and 3) Primary Care.

Archway Public Health Professional

Clayton Archway Partnership supports the establishment of a Public Health Archway Professional position for Clayton County, to facilitate the development and coordination of appropriate responses to public health issues.

Accomplishments:

UGA’s College of Public Health (CPH) was awarded a grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide training to the state’s public health workforce based on training needs identified by Georgia communities. CPH has partnered with the Archway communities in this endeavor and has designated a portion of the grant funding to establish public health positions accordingly.

In June 2011, Clayton Archway Partnership established a Clayton Archway Public Health Issue Work Group to determine and address priority public health issues in the community.

Next Steps:

Through the Clayton Archway Public Health Issue Work Group, the Clayton County Board of Health and Southern Regional Medical Center are working with UGA’s College of Public Health to work out the details on establishing a Public Health Professional in Clayton County.

“The Clayton County Archway Partnership offers the best opportunity to utilize the full range of resources within the University System of Georgia to conduct a needs assessment and to validate future needs, locations, and funding startup strategies to establish additional FQHC clinics to serve the primary and preventive healthcare needs of the underserved population in Clayton County and the Region.”

~Jim Crissey, Alpha Bryan
Education

Archway Education Issue Work Group

Clayton Archway has established an Education Issue Work Group to identify educational priorities that affect Clayton County Public Schools.

Accomplishments:

The Education Issue Work Group identified three major priority areas: 1) Workforce and college readiness; 2) Technology as a learning tool; and 3) Parent engagement and education.

An attendance brochure has been developed to educate parents on the Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) attendance policy.

A “Parents as Partners” DVD has been developed to provide information and methods to assist parents in supporting their children’s academic success.

Several members of the Clayton Archway Executive Committee volunteered as speakers for the middle school girl’s leadership programs.

Clayton Archway Partnership partnered with Clayton County 4-H to provide motivational speakers for a Jonesboro Middle School program.

Next Steps:

The Issue Work Group will continue identifying resources to address the areas of workforce and college readiness; technology as a learning tool; and parent engagement/education.

Clayton County Public Schools is partnering with two UGA Veterinary Medicine Professors to pilot a program that utilizes video gaming technology as an instructional method for biology and anatomy.

Teen Summit

Clayton Archway Partnership assisted in the establishment of the “Clayton Teen Summit” to enhance teen leadership skills, increase school spirit, and assess teen issues.

Accomplishments:

The Teen Summit has become an annual event for Clayton County as the local Family Connection organization, Clayton Collaborative, has become its institutional home.

In 2011, job interviewing skills, tips on achieving academic success, and leadership skills were the focus areas for the summit.
Code Enforcement Committee

A Clayton County Code Enforcement Committee has been established to provide resources to assist in developing standardized code enforcement policies/procedures and provide training opportunities as needed.

Accomplishments:
In 2011, the Clayton County Code Enforcement Committee partnered with UGA’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) to develop an intergovernmental agreement for Clayton municipalities and the County that addresses signage removal in the right-of-way. The agreement gives code enforcement officers of any municipality and the county the discretion to remove illegal signage in the right-of-way up to 50 feet beyond their own jurisdictional boundary.

Next Steps:
Members of the Clayton Archway Executive Committee are meeting with county and municipal officials to seek approval of the intergovernmental agreement by Clayton County and the seven municipalities.

“[Archway’s] work saved us hundreds of hours of work and thousands of dollars had we had to purchase this data and conduct our own research.”
~Kevin Gullette, Deputy Director, Clayton County Economic Development

Economic Development Consortium

Clayton Archway Partnership worked with the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and Clayton County Economic Development to create the Clayton County Economic Development Consortium.

Accomplishments:
The Clayton County Chamber of Commerce has combined their existing economic development council with the newly formed Economic Development Consortium.

Economic Development Council with Clayton Chamber Partnership worked with the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and Clayton County Economic Development to create the Clayton County Economic Development Consortium.

Accomplishments:
The Committee also partnered with the Clayton County Communicators to host a panel discussion with local media representatives.

A “Clayton County Brochure” was created to use as a general informational brochure for economic development and to inform tourists, students, and the general public about Clayton’s amenities, resources, and services, by having the Clayton Archway Public Image Committee work on this project the county saved $10,000.

Public Image

Clayton Archway provided resources to the “Clayton Archway Public Image Committee” to assist in redefining the public image of Clayton County and creating community pride.

Accomplishments:
The Clayton Archway Public Image Committee partnered with Creative Consultants, a student-led public relations firm in UGA’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications, to create a “Clayton County Blog.”

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“The Archway Partnership has been beneficial to me by providing a platform (training and networking) for enforcement personnel to communicate their daily and long term challenges to other stakeholders including other officers, city officials and politicians throughout Clayton County. The commitment to work together and through the challenges of the adjoining territories has offered a unique level of understanding and support that I have personally benefitted from.”
Julie Broadus, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer, College Park
Economic Development

Community Beautification
Clayton Archway Partnership addresses community-wide beautification issues by continuing to provide technical assistance to local governments and other entities in the areas of landscape architectural design, litter and sign ordinances, and entryway/corridor development.

Accomplishments:
In August 2011, the College of Environment and Design (CED) students completed more than 25 landscape designs for Clayton County.

Georgia Work Ready
Clayton Archway continues to assist Clayton County Economic Development with designation of the county as a Georgia Work Ready community.

Accomplishments:
In November 2011, a “Clayton Work Ready Week” was coordinated to further educate the community about the advantages of the program.

As of December 2011, Clayton County has completed 76% of the requirements to become a Work Ready community.

Additional Accomplishments

Municipal Purchasing Policy Review
UGA’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) partnered with Clayton Archway to review purchasing policies for six of Clayton’s seven municipalities (College Park, Forest Park, Lake City, Lovejoy, Morrow, and Riverdale). The reviews resulted in estimated savings to the community of $20,000.

Economic Development Interns
Interns from UGA and Clayton State University worked with Clayton County Economic Development to research existing business needs in Clayton County. The interns’ work resulted in estimated savings of $25,000 to the community.

Non-Profit Training
The Director of UGA’s Institute for Non-Profit Organizations, Dr. Michelle Carney, conducted a training class on “Program Evaluation” for Clayton County non-profit organizations.

“Prints by Women” Exhibit
During the 25th Anniversary Celebration in September, 2011 Arts Clayton featured “Prints by Women: Selected European and American Works from the Georgia Museum of Art.” Clayton’s Archway Partnership provided the catalyst for this special collaboration which began with staff visits between the two organizations, followed by a comprehensive facility assessment of Arts Clayton’s Gallery to host traveling exhibits, and finally showcasing “Prints by Women” as GMOA’s first partnership following renovations. Georgia’s First Lady Sandra Deal was the first official guest to tour the exhibit – joined by local women leaders, elected officials, and arts patrons.

The Clayton County Cooperative Extension Office partnered with Clayton Archway Partnership to offer Clayton County government entities assistance in implementing landscape designs.

In October 2011 CED students were recognized by County Commissioners and presented with a “Proclamation” for the work completed over the past three years, which has saved the county more than $100,000.