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Virginia Works Launches Innovative Career Skills Hub at Successful Career Redesign Studio Event in Northern Virginia

Over 200 participants explored in-person and online resources for adaptability, life skills, and human skills development

RICHMOND, VA – Virginia Works today announced the launch of a new component of the Virginia Has Jobs skills hub during the Career Redesign Studio event in northern Virginia. The event, which drew over 200 registrants looking to explore their future career paths, featured two highly interactive sessions introducing participants to human-centered design concepts and how they apply to career navigation. Attendees also received access to additional tools for further exploration, including VirginiaHasJobs.com/careerskills - a resource designed to help Virginians develop essential human skills for today's rapidly evolving job market.

"The future of work demands more than technical expertise - it requires adaptability, resilience, and strong interpersonal skills," said Nicole Overley, Commissioner of Virginia Works. "We're committed to developing accessible resources across our Skills Hub and helping Virginians develop the human skills employers consistently identify as critical for success."

Introducing VirginiaHasJobs.com/careerskills

This newly launched component of the Virginia Has Jobs skills hub includes a curated collection of resources focused on three key areas:

- **Adaptability Skills** – Building flexibility and resilience to navigate career transitions and workplace changes
- **Life Skills** – Developing essential competencies for professional and personal success

- Human Skills – Strengthening communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence

Through interactive sessions and thought-provoking discussions, the Career Redesign Studio centered on career evolution in an age of rapid technological and economic change. Attendees engaged in hands-on activities exploring personal strengths and transferable skills, while hearing from guest speakers including Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater and Director of the Department of Human Resource Management Janet Lawson. Multiple local and community organizations were on hand to share resources, and attendees were able to receive free professional headshots. Due to the overwhelming interest in this type of support, additional Career Redesign sessions are being planned.

Virginia Works connects people to careers and employers to skilled talent through integrated workforce development services. The agency provides comprehensive career resources, training connections, and employment services to help Virginians thrive in the modern economy. For more information about Virginia Works and our full range of workforce services, please visit www.viriniaworks.gov.

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