

Community Engagement Report for May 2018

Recorded visits at CLC: 241

CLC volunteer hours: 12

Staff for the Summer Youth Program were trained the last week of the month. There are 13 youth enrolled in the first session with staff of 5 counselors, 1 teacher, 1 driver, a nurse and a nurse sub. The students over the age of 16 are working at the library, Take Root Café, Jacob's Vineyard, and the CAPNEMO community garden. The students under age 16 are volunteering in the parks. Both groups are swimming and doing themed life skills lessons with the teacher.

This summer we once again sponsored a Kirksville Parks & Recreation Coed softball team. Our presence in this league is a very important way for us to engage with and promote inclusion within the Kirksville community. In fact, several different groups have asked to get together and play with us just for fun. Not only does this league provide healthy & meaningful activity for the folks who are playing, but provides a platform for people to show their abilities and make meaningful connections in the community.

We've begun planning for the Community Engagement Conference (formerly disAbility Awareness Day) in October. We have space reserved at Truman on October 16th. Within the next month, we will assemble the planning committee and move forward with planning the event.

Another important community partner that we have is the NEMO Chronic Conditions Center. We began teaching the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program in May and the class will continue through June. This program has been very beneficial in the past, and this year's participants are learning a lot of great material.

Project STIR is continuing through the month of June, and should be finished by July. The revised class material is very impactful on the students and they are asking meaningful questions and have demonstrated increased independence and responsibility. Circles Level 2 will begin in June and hopefully the students will learn even more about the complexity of healthy and unhealthy relationships.