

Community Engagement Report

September 2024

Visits – 521 people

Volunteer Hours – 17

The Community Learning Center had 521 independent visits in September. Visitors to the Community Learning Center participated in classes and activities, volunteered, chose to hang out with friends, used the sensory room, and celebrated four graduates from Project STIR. The Center had 10 volunteers who provided 17 hours of volunteer time by helping with tasks such as assembling newsletters, guiding/teaching Open Hearts Storytime and Science, as well as, Exercise Your Mind.

In September, both the Circles Relationships and Intamacy – Level 2 and Project STIR classes finished. A graduation was held for four graduates of STIR with many guests present. Three of the four graduates chose to speak to KTVO and were featured on the evening news. Participants in the Circles class, celebrated with snacks for completing Level 2 of the curriculum. Truman State University students in the Health and Exercise Science Department returned in September to teach the popular class, Exercise Your Mind which is based on Cognitive Stimulation Therapy. All of the activities that are usually on the activity calendar were well attended and the students from Kirksville High School came to participate in some of them.

During September, Melissa taught a Mandt System recertification class for four area Direct Support Professionals. She met with a representative of the ATSU IDD Club to plan a health fair for November 11th at the Community Learning Center. The fair is being presented by a collaboration of several ATSU clubs. She also participated in a Heartland Task Force meeting, attended the Eastern Missouri Charting the LifeCourse Stakeholder meeting and trained three volunteers who are a part of the Disability Studies Minor at TSU.

Melissa and Angela worked to support the Direct Support Professionals Appreciation Day on September 12th and to prepare for the Tidal Wave Auto Spa and SB40 Charity Day on September 20th.

Throughout the month, Angela facilitated most of the activities at the Center, working with the volunteer who teaches Science Fun, including covering several dates when he was unavailable to come. Angela also compiled the monthly community activities list, supervised volunteers who helped to prepare the monthly newsletters for mailing and volunteering during Center activities. Angela also oversaw the the Charity Day event at Tidal Wave with the assistance of several SB40 and community volunteers and covered CLC activities while Melissa was out.

Activities for September:

Activity	September of Visits
Coffee & Cards	32
Dance Aerobics	42
Project STIR	21
Movie Party	12

E.Y.M.	45
Crafts	142
Open Hearts Story Time	38
Get Fit	71
Circles Level 2	28
Science Fun	25
Chair Yoga	9
BINGO	134
Hang Out	129
Parent-to-Parent Group	0
People First	0
Volunteers	16
Mandt Certification	4
Total Number of Participants Attending Activities Per Month	941
Total Number of Visits Per Person	538