

## **Community Engagement Report**

**May - 2024**

**Visits – 680 people**

**Volunteer Hours – 11.8**

During the month of May, the Community Learning Center had 991 independent visits by 680 people. They participated in classes, and activities, volunteered, chose to hang out with friends or use the sensory room. The Center had 31 volunteers who provided 11.8 hours of volunteer time by helping with tasks around the Center such as assembling newsletters, sanitizing the sensory room, and folding cleaning towels and aprons that had been washed.

In May, the Center held its regular activities such as coffee and cards, dance aerobics, crafts, Get Fit, and BINGO. Two community volunteers taught Science Fun and Open Hearts Storytime. Crafts and BINGO continue to have the largest attendance for structured activities. People coming in the hangout with friends or staying between activities has the most attendance. Please see the bottom of this report for a summary of attendance.

Service Coordinator, Andy Magruder, presented during the Parent-to-Parent meeting facilitated by Melissa. He spoke about many technology resources and shared information about funding opportunities. One family attended the meeting and Andy was able to answer their questions and proved ideas for various types of supports.

In May, Melissa taught both a new and re-certification Mandt System class for nine area Direct Support Professionals. She hired more staff for the L.I.F.E Youth Program and assisting the L.I.F.E. Skills Teacher to prepare activities and outings, reserved the location for the program (First United Methodist Church) and began accepting youth applications. This year's program will have 8 students and will be inclusive. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Melissa spoke on KIRX's Area Scene about the L.I.F.E. In addition, Melissa worked with Sandie Ciconne at Adair County Public Library to coordinate a special guided painting class on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Angela and Melissa participated in a Mental Health First Aid for Adults training that was held at the Community Learning Center so they can offer visitors the highest level of quality supports possible.

Throughout May, Angela facilitated most of the activities at the Center and worked with volunteers who teach the science class. Angela also compiled the monthly community activities list, worked with Melissa to prepare the CLC's activity calendar for June and supervised volunteers who helped to prepare the monthly newsletters for mailing and volunteering during Center activities. In preparation for June activities and classes, Angela began planning for a new cooking class and budgeting class that she will teach in June.

Activity Attendance Summary for May:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>
Coffee & Cards	65
Dance Aerobics	51
Project STIR	22
Yard Games	9
Movie Party	5
Crafts	180
Open Hearts Story Time	81
Get Fit	103
Circles Level 2	34
Science Fun	36
BINGO	188
Hang Out	191
Parent-to-Parent Group	2
People First	2
Volunteers	13
Mandt Certification	9
Total Number of Participants for May Activities	991