

Community Engagement Report

April 2021

The Community Learning Center (CLC) continued to be closed through the month of April as well as offering classes and activities virtually along with interactive videos, resources, and information through our Facebook page. Classes offered through Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 4:00 p.m. have been attended by two – four people each time. Bingo and the guided art class remain the activities that people seem most interested in.

Attendance for Bingo on Fridays had an average of six people joining throughout the month. On the last Friday of the month, nine players joined and were able to spend their earned “Bingo Bucks” at the CLC Bingo Store virtually. These items were delivered to players by Melissa Cline through contactless delivery. The guided art class via Zoom was attended by four people who created Earth Day trinket boxes. The CLC again supplied the art supplies to those who registered for the class through contactless delivery.

In April, Melissa resumed teaching The Mandt System certification classes to area Direct Support Professionals (DSP) utilizing the safety procedures developed during the month of March to ensure safety of the staff and trainer. Seventeen DSP’s were trained in the relational concepts of the course with nine also completing the technical concepts. Two more classes are currently scheduled for the month of May.

On April 21st, Melissa also participated in the monthly Area Scene call with KIRX. She was accompanied by two Board Members from the KCOM IDD Elective, Amreeta Jammu and Shelby Terrell, who spoke about the Elective and the Community Mentor Project. They also shared information about the Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, April 24th, with co-sponsor Missouri Special Olympics during the Northeast Missouri Special Olympics annual track and field event.

The Community Learning Center continues to remain in contact with people through the monthly email and mailing of the monthly and other activity information, along with phone calls to check in with people.