

Community Engagement Report

December 2024

Visits – 569 people

Volunteer Hours – 13

In December the Community Learning Center had 569 independent visits. Visitors to the Center participated in classes and activities, volunteered, chose to hang out with friends, used the sensory room, and Christmas program practice at the First Church of God. The Center had 15 volunteers who provided 13 hours of volunteer time by helping with tasks such as assembling newsletters, folding washed laundry, putting away items that had been used for classes, and shredding.

During December, the Center continued to offer all of the regularly scheduled classes and activities, including practices for the Annual Christmas Program “A Puppet Christmas Story” which was held in cooperation with Kirksville First Church of God on Monday, December 16th. The program was well attended and the church provided a reception with refreshments after the program for the cast and audience. Also in December, Holly with the Missouri Department of Conservation returned for Nature Time. To replace Basic Life Skills and Exercise Your Mind, Angela led Fun with Music which involved playing various instruments, singing, and movement.

Melissa facilitated the Transition to Adulthood Coalition meeting and the Community Engagement Conference meetings in December. In January, Tatiana Dixon will take over facilitating the coalition meetings. Melissa also attended the monthly online Charting the LifeCourse in Action meeting and the monthly SB40 Board meeting. On December 18th, she shared information about the upcoming conference along with activities and classes planned for January on Area Scene.

The Annual Community Engagement Conference Committee met once in December. The committee selected Keynote Speaker, Letisha Wexsten, who is a self-advocate, entrepreneur, and artist from Missouri. The group has also confirmed three breakout session speakers and is waiting for a response from others. Sponsorship and exhibitor requests have gone out and are beginning to be returned.

Throughout the month, Angela facilitated most of the activities at the Center including working with the volunteers to put together newsletters for mailing. She also assisted in the Christmas Program by assisting cast members behind the scenes.

December was a short month at the Center with the Christmas holiday and closing the afternoon of December 13th for the annual staff Christmas party. The Center also had fewer volunteers with the TSU and ATSU students finishing up their semesters. We anticipate having several new volunteers from TSU with the new semester beginning in January.

Activities for December:

Activity	Number of Visits
Coffee & Cards	49
Dance Aerobics	32
Basic Life Skills	18
Fun with Music	26
Nature Time	11
Guided Painting	13
Crafts	102
Open Hearts Story Time	70
Get Fit	49
Christmas Program	111
Movie Party	8
Science Fun	56
Chair Yoga	28
BINGO	134
Hang Out	169
Volunteers	15
Mandt Certification	1
Total Number of Participants Attending Activities Per Month	892
Total Number of Visits Per Person	569