

Community Engagement Report

January 2022

Visits – 67

Volunteer Visits – 5

In January, the Community Learning Center (CLC) was open for regular hours, 8AM-5PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, with the exception of January 17th in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The CLC was open all other days by appointment.

The Center had a total of 67 visits to the CLC this month and five volunteers who assisted with teaching Exercise Your Mind classes and preparing February newsletters for mailing. There were a total of 33 participants who participated virtually in Zoom BINGO.

Most classes and activities at the CLC continued without change in January. Music Moves met only once and will not meet again until mid-April due to leave for the class instructor. In its place, Exercise Your Mind will be held weekly through the beginning of March. The class will continue to be taught by Truman State University student volunteers. Additionally, CIRCLES[®] Relationship classes began on January 12th with five students. The CLC also added a Guided Art class on Tuesdays afternoons.

In January, the CLC began offering the Family Law Series. This is a set of six presentations, prepared and presented by Jessica Rooks with The Rooks Law Firm, which will be offered the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:30PM through March. Each presentation is held at the CLC and streamed live on the Adair County SB40 Facebook page. The first two presentations included estate planning basics about Power of Attorney and Wills and Avoiding Probate.

The Autism Advisory Board met twice in January. The Board continued to discuss and work on an application to the Autism Self Advocacy Network as an Affiliate Group. Promotion of the group and how to recruit new members was also discussed with a decision to hold a social activity on February 17th.

The NEMO TIE Network did not meet in January due to illness but plans to hold a game night for the month of February.

On January 19th Melissa spoke on the KIRX Area Scene radio show about the upcoming Community Engagement Conference, classes at the CLC and the NEMO TIE Network and Autism Advisory Board. She also trained five new Direct Support Professionals for Mandt System Certification. Melissa also continued to work with the Community Engagement Conference committee to plan and prepare for event scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Throughout the month Angela planned and led all of the CLC's activities with the exception of CIRCLES[®] Relationship classes and those taught by volunteers. She also continued to contact people to complete the Targeted Case Management surveys and assisted an AmbassaDDA/R volunteer to complete Abuse and Neglect training to an awareness level in preparation for beginning to work with other.