

## Community Engagement Report for May 2019

Total Recorded Visitors: 313

Volunteer Hours: 2

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, several students from the Charting the LifeCourse Tools class and CLC staff attended the Charting the LifeCourse for Health workshop in Jefferson City. At the workshop, we learned about the tools and different kinds of healthcare. Everyone had the opportunity to practice using the tools individually and in small groups. We were the only group of self-advocates at the workshop, and we offered important insight about individualized planning for people, as well as showed professionals in the field that we are finding innovative ways to be inclusive in Adair county. Terri from The Color Coded Chef gave a demonstration of her products, which we use in cooking classes at the Center, and were able to offer testimonials about how the products worked for us. In addition, she recognized Jaxon Laudwig from Kirksville in her newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/cbe851ea253c/summer-news>

Circles and Charting the LifeCourse Tools classes continued through May and will conclude at the end of June. We have had very high attendance for our Money Skills class on Friday afternoons and will continue offering it as long as it is well attended.

The first Community Engagement Conference planning meeting was held in May. Again this year, the committee thinks it is important for us to engage with the community as a whole to promote inclusion and celebration of disability. In addition, we are expanding the scope to include inclusion of all differences within the community. We are using feedback from last year's conference to make a few changes to the conference's structure and publicity strategy. The date of the conference is Tuesday October 8 2019 at Truman State University.

Melissa worked very hard to put together the Summer Youth Program. With fewer participants, it was uncertain what the program would look like, but it was decided to use the same structure as previous years. The first session has 9 students enrolled and the second session has 14 students enrolled. Nine SYP staff and two CLC seasonal staff were hired and training took place May 28-31.