

Community Engagement Report

September 2022

Visits – 299

Volunteer Visits – 9 (9 hours)

September continued to be a very active month for the Community Learning Center. There was a total of 299 visits and nine volunteers who provided nine hours of volunteer time. The volunteers assisted with setting up for BINGO on Fridays, assembling the October newsletters to be mailed, providing child care for the Parent-to-Parent Group, assisting with Music Moves and teaching the Exercise Your Mind class.

The CLC continued to offer its usual activities in September including Coffee & Cards, Sewing, Game Time, Music Moves, Crafts, Get Fit, Telling Your Story and BINGO. All of these activities had a large amount of participation. In addition, student volunteers for the TSU Health and Exercise Department began teaching Exercise Your Mind on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. This new activity had about 10 participants for each session.

The Parent-to-Parent Group met on September 15th with three parents in attendance. Melissa was unable to attend and Crystal supported the parents during their meeting. The next Parent-to-Parent meeting will be October 20th at 5:30pm at the Community Learning Center.

In September, Melissa taught Mandt certification classes to six area Direct Support Professionals. She met with new volunteers on the 9th and 19th to go over training and information about the CLC and attended an Alpha Phi Omega meeting on the 27th to speak about volunteering with about 50 members. On September 20th she brought together the Community Engagement Conference Committee for an initial planning meeting for the 2023 conference. She spoke on Area Scene on the 21st about the upcoming Disability Employment Awareness Month, the DSP Awards Dinner that was held on the 16th and activities at the CLC. Melissa attended a meeting with Vice Principle, Tricia Reager on the 23rd to talk about SB40 and the CLC and to share information about services, supports, and opportunities available to the school district and how the two could collaborate to better support students with disabilities.

Throughout month Angela planned and led most of the CLC's activities, prepared the list of community activities to be placed in the monthly newsletter mailings and supported volunteers with setting up BINGO on Fridays and assembling the newsletters. Throughout the month, she also supported two individuals with becoming more active and to participate more in activities while visiting the CLC. Angela also independently covered the CLC during the week of September 12th - 16th while Melissa was out due to illness.