

Community Engagement Report

April 2022

Visits – 298

Volunteer Visits – 7 (9.75 hours)

During May the Community Learning Center was visited a total of 298 times! We also had seven volunteers who provided 9.75 hours of volunteer time. The volunteers assisted Angela with preparing the newsletters for mailing, preparing materials for the Mandt system trainings, and working on landscaping.

Most of the activities at the CLC continued without change in May with the largest attendance at Music Moves, crafts, and Bingo. Music Moves ended on May 17th and will return on July 19th as Music Therapist, Kaelie Gerber, will be out of state. LeAnn Dent with Renew Counseling continued meeting with four people for a grief counseling group. Their last meeting was held on May 27th. After this, if an individual were to need further assistance, they can be supported by their Service Coordinator to reach out to LeAnn about one-on-one counseling.

In May, we were once again to offer a cooking class. We had six individuals register for the class though only five were able to attend. The students worked on basic cooking skills using the Look 'n Cook curriculum from Attainment. Their six week class will end on June 8th.

The Autism Advisory Board met twice in May and the Parent-to-Parent Group had their first meeting on June 28th. It was decided during this first meeting to open the group to all parents of school aged children with disabilities. The group will meet monthly at the Community Learning Center from 2-4PM on the 4th Saturday of the month. Child care will be available for all meetings with parents asked to RSVP to ensure we have the correct number of caregivers available.

In May, Melissa taught a Mandt Certification class for nine area Direct Support Professionals. She spoke on Area Scene on the 24th to share information about the newly developed Parent-to-Parent Group and the new classes to be offered at the CLC during the month of June. Melissa also worked with Tiffany Busch to choose new carpeting for the CLC.

Throughout the month of May, Angela planned and led most of the CLC's activities, completed the landscaping with the assistance of volunteers and prepared the list of community activities to be placed in the monthly newsletter mailing and assisted in continuing to look for items to be added to the sensory room.