

## Community Engagement Report for November & December 2019

Recorded November Visitors: 294

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Throughout the months of November and December, both Project STIR and Circles continued, with five people completing Circles. Project STIR will conclude at the end of January, with a graduation ceremony in February. Money and budgeting skills and mental health maintenance continue to be popular and regularly attended activities. With the opening of Scooters coffee shop, the card group has chosen to meet there every Monday. The staff at Scooters have been incredibly accommodating and friendly, and are building relationships with our group.

We partnered with several community groups in November and December. We provided resources and support for two Disability Studies student groups; the first provided a community dinner to promote inclusion and the second created a video about what brings people joy. We also partnered with the Arc of NEMO to bring a representative from the Missouri Treasurer's office to give two presentations about ABLE Accounts. Finally, Preferred Family Healthcare held a youth Mental Health First Aid training at the Center on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

We've been working to plan some new classes for 2020, including an expanded citizenship class and an SB40 community ambassador program. Informed Citizens will begin in January and include participation in Disability Rights Legislative Day in March. Details about the community ambassador program will be finalized in January or early February.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Center with a party. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. On December 17<sup>th</sup> we had a Christmas party at the Baptist Student Union. It was also well attended and fun for everyone.