

## **Community Engagement Report**

**October 2021**

**Visits - 191**

**Volunteers - 6**

The Community Learning Center (CLC) was open for regular hours, 8AM-5PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays throughout the month of October. We had a total of 191 visits to the CLC this month and six volunteers who assisted with preparing the November mailings and weeding! Things are beginning to get back to a normal pace and people seem to be more aware that we are open for them to come in and participate in both scheduled and unscheduled activities.

In October, we worked with a group of three TSU capstone students to put on Fun Nights on Mondays. Each Monday, the capstone students offered fun crafts, games, snacks, and activities from 4-7PM. They had an average of four participants each week and the attendants seemed to enjoy the various activities.

Since the CLC has been able to open for a regular schedule in October, we were able to resume some of the activities that we have offered in the past and had not been able to participate in since the beginning of COVID-19. We were able to begin meeting at Scooter's for coffee and cards again on Tuesday mornings at 9AM. There has been only one regular participant so far, though we hope that those who participated in the past with this group will resume coming as they become more aware that we are once again doing this activity. Music Moves, crafts, and BINGO continued this month with the largest attendance being for BINGO.

Additionally, a new class, Exercise Your Mind began on October 19<sup>th</sup> and is being taught by a group of 11 TSU students. Two people and their staff participated in the first class. This activity will continue every-other-week, opposite of Music Moves through the end of November.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the NEMO TIE Network met for the first time to discuss what the program will consist of and that it should be a self-determined, peer-to-peer group. The first meeting had seven self-advocates along with their families/support. This group will begin meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5PM at the CLC. Individuals between the ages of 15-25 who were not able to attend the first meeting are invited and encouraged to attend the next meeting on Thursday, November, 18<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

Additionally, the new SB40 Advisory Board Committee for the Greenwood Center and other SB40 related projects met for the first time on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The co-chairs of the committee discussed the intent of the committee and current ideas and concerns related to the Greenwood Center project and participation with other upcoming projects such as the annual conference at 5PM. The next scheduled meeting for Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

The Mandt Certification class for October was rescheduled until November due to only one direct support professional needing the training. There will be both a recertification training and new training offered in November. The new CLC staff will also take the Mandt certification training in November.