

Community Engagement Report

November 2020

While the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Adair County and the surrounding community continue to remain high, the Community Learning Center (CLC) remained closed. During November the CLC continued to offer classes and activities virtually in addition to interactive videos, resources, and information through our Facebook page. Collaborations with two of the three TSU capstone projects, the TRU 100: ENABLE class, and the Community Mentor Project with ATSU-KCOM also continued to move forward.

The CLC finished working with two of TSU students their capstone projects. One of the projects began October 19th and finished November 13th. This project included posting pre-recorded sessions on topics related to mental health and nutrition during COVID-19 on Facebook with Zoom question and answer sessions regarding the information on Fridays. The pre-recorded videos were visited frequently on our Facebook page. The third project wrapped up and we are awaiting the researched and summarized information and sources regarding sexuality and people with disabilities.

The Community Mentor Project continued to move forward with less need for assistance from the CLC. The project was assisted by Melissa and some of the service coordinators to help people with connecting to their mentees and accessing needed resources to participate virtually. The mentors and mentees are now meeting at least twice monthly to learn from one another and work on their final presentations to be given in the spring of 2021. Also, the standardized patient portion of the grant has been successful in hiring seven people.

Dr. Lochbaum's TRU 100: ENABLE class at TSU finished working on their final material and presentations for community education of the FLATS project. The group will be providing links to their information within the next week to include the beginnings of a website for FLATS along with resources for sound and alphabet scavenger hunts, fun fact signs for along the trail, a free library with nature related topics, and completed options for an animal of the week posting at the trailhead.

Finally, the CLC has remained in contact with people through the monthly email, phone calls, Zoom meetings, and cards.