

Community Engagement Report

February 2022

Visits – 107 (34 Virtual Visits)

Volunteer Visits – 12

February 2022 was a busy month for the Community Learning Center (CLC). The Center was open for regular hours, 8AM-5PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, with the exception of February 21st in observation of President's Day. The CLC was open all other days by appointment.

In February there were a total of 107 visits to the CLC this and 12 volunteers who assisted with teaching Exercise Your Mind and CIRCLES classes and preparing March newsletters for mailing. There were a total of 34 participants who participated virtually in Zoom BINGO with the support of their staff.

All of the classes and activities at the CLC continued without change in February. Exercise Your Mind met weekly and has had such a rise in attendance that the class will continue for three more sessions through mid-April. The class will continue to be taught by Truman State University student volunteers. Weekly crafts have seen a large influx in attendance with the numbers of positive area COVID cases dropping. The class has averaged 12 people per week.

Jessica Rooks continued to offer the Family Law Series with good attendance in person and an average of two live viewers on line. Several views of each session are made in the days after the session has aired. The final two sessions will be held in March on the 10th and 24th at 5:30PM at the CLC and streamed live on the Adair County SB40 Facebook page.

The Autism Advisory Board met twice in February. The Board continued to discuss and work on an application to the Autism Self Advocacy Network as an Affiliate Group. The board continued to discuss promotion of the group and how to recruit new members. The social event for February 17th was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled for Thursday March 3rd at Leisure World Lanes.

The NEMO TIE Network did not meet in February due to weather. This group will not meet in March or April to regroup and remarket to ensure that the needs and interests of the community are being met. This group started off with several participants that quickly dropped to just one. The CLC hopes to have this group up and going again in May.

On February 16th, Melissa spoke on the KIRX Area Scene radio show about the upcoming Community Engagement Conference, classes at the CLC and the NEMO TIE Network and Autism Advisory Board. Melissa continues to work with the Community Engagement Conference committee to plan and prepare for event scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022. All keynote speakers, breakout session speakers, and menu have all been finalized.

Throughout the month Angela planned and led all of the CLC's activities with the exception of CIRCLES® Relationship classes and those taught by volunteers. Angela has also been working closely with an individual who is not in services but attempting to locate the official information that is needed to do so.