

## Community Engagement Report for October 2019

Total recorded visitors: 259

Recorded volunteer hours: 5

The largest community engagement event in October was the Community Engagement Conference on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The conference committee worked hard to put together a free, one day event that focused on learning strategies to create an inclusive community. The keynote speaker gave an encouraging speech about how everyone has their own quirks and superpowers, and that it is important for everyone to be true to themselves and be proud of their uniqueness. The three workshops taught participants about their personal communication style, how to identify their guiding values, and how to take action in their lives using the LifeCourse Tools. In addition, there was a vendor fair and Tech Fest for participants to attend. About 200 people attended the conference and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the event.

The CLC team presented about Local Initiatives to Achieve Quality Outcomes at the MACDDS conference on October 17<sup>th</sup>. In this presentation, we discussed how ACSDDDB operates to provide quality services in our area. We discussed the agency's mission, vision, and values, as well as our focus areas and ongoing and completed projects to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities in northeast Missouri.

New Project STIR and Circles classes began in October with eight students and two peer teachers for Project STIR and six students in Circles. Circles should last until the end of the year and Project STIR will be completed after the first of the year.

The Center continues to have many visitors all day long on the days that we are open to the public (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday), with people engaging in scheduled classes as well as using the Center's resources on their own time. We participated in Project Community Connect on October 4<sup>th</sup> and PFH's Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> and continue to allow nonprofit groups and people to use the Center for meetings and social gatherings.