

Community Engagement Report

November 2022

Visits – 652

Volunteer Visits – 25 (25.5 hours)

The Community Learning Center continued to see a rise in attendance to events in November with our largest number of visits since before March of 2020. There was a total of **652** separate visits during the month and **18** volunteers who provided **25.5** hours of volunteer time. The volunteers assisted with setting up for BINGO on Fridays, assisting individuals during activities and classes, providing child care for the Parent-to-Parent Group, assisting with Music Moves, teaching the Exercise Your Mind class, yard cleanup, assembling newsletters, and sending out thank you notes for National Caregivers Month.

The CLC continued to offer several popular activities in November including Coffee & Cards, Sewing, Game Time, Music Moves, Crafts, Get Fit, and BINGO. All of these activities had a large amount of participation. Healthy Habits replaced Money Time on Wednesday afternoons and averaged about six participants per class.

On Thursday, November 10th Sandra Keyser, Employment First Specialist, with DMH Division of Developmental Disabilities provided an informational presentation specific to transition and benefits planning.

The Parent-to-Parent Group met on November 17th with four parents and one in attendance. This group continues to grow slowly yet steadily with one new parent coming in November. During the meeting, the parents chose to speak about ECHO Autism and some family items that they are working through and provided support and ideas to one another.

At the end of November, the final items for the sensory room were ordered including a new sensory swing, light covers, and a shelf. This means that the sensory room is finally DONE and ready for an open house the end of December.

In October, Angela planned and led most of the CLC's activities and classes, prepared the list of community activities to be placed in the monthly newsletter mailings, updated the bulleting boards at the CLC and YMCA. She also supported new volunteers at the Center and helped a new volunteer begin making calls for Life Check. Currently the volunteer has four people on her list to reach out to on a regular basis. Angela also assisted in preparing two turkeys for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Melissa taught two Mandt System certification classes for 10 direct support professionals in November. She met with several potential conference presenters during the month to confirm their participation in addition to locating and securing a new location for the conference due construction scheduled in March for the SUB at TSU. She spoke on Area Scene to promote the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and talk about National Caregivers Month. Melissa spoke to KTVO's Calen McGee in November about National Caregivers Month. Additionally, she supported an individual and a parent during the recording of their oral history videos. Melissa also participated in the annual Board Retreat on November 12th and completed her training as a Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador.