

SB40 Community Learning Center

Monthly Report for June, 2018

Total Recorded Visitors: 227

Total Recorded Volunteers: 24

This month we began a class of Circles Level II which explores more complicated aspects of interpersonal relationships and how they change over time. Each student is creating a Circles journal which includes information about the different types of people in their life and how they touch, talk, and trust each of those people. Through these lessons, the participants are improving their ability to keep themselves safe and secure through healthy relationships and boundaries with all of the people in their lives.

Project STIR finished their six chapter class in June and planned their graduation ceremony for July. Four students successfully completed and graduated from the class, led by two incredibly talented peer teachers. These self-advocates were able to demonstrate citizenship and advocacy for themselves.

Kim attended the American Association of Intellectual developmental Disabilities conference in St. Louis and returned with many resources about I/DD and public health & nutrition, addressing the national systematic failure of employing direct support professionals, implementing new technology for promoting independence, how to engage with civic groups and faith communities, and post-secondary education options for people with I/DD. She also presented a module about Alzheimer's disease and Dementia for the Crisis Intervention Team training.

The Summer Youth Program began on June 4th with 12 students enrolled in the program. This session the students were supported by five counselors, a life skills teacher, a van driver, and nursing staff. Melissa worked with them the final week of May to ensure all of the staff were fully and appropriately trained. The students worked on several skills through fun theme weeks including: Super Me, Nutrition in the Kitchen, Mad Science, and Red, White, & Blue/Show Me the Money. Through these themed weeks the students had lots of fun learning about themselves, how to be the best "me" possible, nutrition and cooking skills, jobs that one can have related to nutrition and cooking, science experiments and the various jobs that those who work in the field hold. The final week of the session the students learned about the U.S.A. and worked on their money skills. Students in the Employment Explorers group tried out work skills in the community each morning by working at job sites including Kirksville Parks and Recreation, Jacob's Vineyard and Winery (garden), Adair County Public Library, The Crossing Thrift Store, and the Community Learning Center. The students in the Life Explorers group focused on the soft skills of employment, life skills, and volunteering in the community. On three Tuesdays this month, the students in the Life Explorers group read to young children at the library during their "Reading Rocks" promotion. We are looking forward to more fun in July after our break and have numerous other fun activities planned!