

# **Community Engagement Report**

**April 2022**

**Visits – 217**

**Volunteer Visits – 18**

In April the Community Learning Center was visited a total of 152 visits along with 18 visits from volunteers. The volunteers assisted with preparing the newsletters for mailing, preparing materials for the Mandt system trainings, and working on landscaping when the weather permitted. Two AmbassaDDAIR volunteers continued to contact individuals for Life Check and were able to speak with several people and left messages for others.

Most of the classes and activities at the CLC continued without change in April. Exercise Your Mind met the first two weeks of the month and have finished until the fall. Dr. Cox has begun preparing dates to send other Truman Health and Exercise Studies students in the fall to continue offering this activity. Music Moves began meeting again on April 19<sup>th</sup> after an absence by the therapist, Kaelie Gerber. This class will continue through the end of May before taking a one month break per Kaelie's schedule.

LeAnn Dent with Renew Counseling began working with the CLC to offer two grief workshops on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There were an average of four participants for each of these workshops. They were also streamed live on Adair County SB40's Facebook page. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, LeAnn began meeting with four people for a grief counseling group. This group will meet each Friday at 11am through the end of May.

All other activities continued as scheduled throughout the month with the CIRCLES<sup>®</sup> Relationships and Intimacy Level 1 class ending on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were five people who finished the class with one person having to drop out early due to health concerns. They will have to opportunity to finish the class when the next session is offered.

The Autism Advisory Board met twice in April and held their collaborative Sensory Open House at the Community Learning Center on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in observation of World Autism Acceptance Day. In addition to the Advisory Board, Judevine Autism Center and Preferred Family Healthcare's Autism Center were in attendance with EasterSeals Midwest sending materials to share with attendees. The event was a huge success with a large turnout including many families with young children who have never visited the CLC. The Board was able to gather names of several parents who showed interest in becoming part of a parent group.

In April, Melissa taught a Mandt Recertification class for five area Direct Support Professionals. Each DSP recertified with the Relational module only. Melissa also spoke on Area Scene to share information about the new sensory room being installed at the CLC. Additionally, she attended a Coffee Chat with Laura Hoffman from Forbes AAC and was able to gather ideas for possible ways to make the CLC more accommodating to all.

Throughout the month of April, Angela planned and led all of the CLC's activities with the exception of CIRCLES<sup>®</sup> Relationship classes and those taught by volunteers, all of which she assisted with. She also prepared the list of community activities to be placed in the monthly newsletter mailing and assisted in continuing to look for items to be added to the sensory room.