

Community Engagement Report

June and July 2020

As the community continues to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we keep working to offer advocacy, inclusion, and resources to our community. Virtual outreach has continued through Facebook and we are utilizing Zoom to hold remote classes such as Circles and Legislative Advocacy.

In addition to online trainings and conferences from the Autism Research Institute, the Arc, DMH, Best Buddies, and other organizations, we are working to stay up to date with best practices related to the pandemic as it relates to our program objectives. The CLC team worked in July to begin making plans for the logistics of holding in-person classes and events again, when it is safe to do so. We've also began to adapt Mandt training and Project STIR to be completed mostly on Zoom.

The CLC team has also been working with the rest of the conference planning committee to organize the logistics of the Community Engagement Conference in October. The planning committee felt that it was best and safest to hold this event virtually rather than in person on Truman's campus. In addition to providing useful information to the conference attendees, the committee wants to ensure that attendees get a meaningful conference experience rather than just attending a series of webinars.