

## L.I.F.E. Ability Center Report for December 2017

Total recorded visits: 237

Total volunteer hours: 16

### NTG Training:

At the beginning of the month, we attended a fascinating three day workshop about Dementia and Intellectual Disability presented by the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices and are now NTG Affiliated Trainers. We now have a wealth of new information that we can present to individuals and groups as requested. We have already scheduled a free and public Skills Share at Take Root Café for February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Programming:

We have been working very hard to restructure the programming and scheduling of the Center to make it as community-centered as possible. December was the last month of our Monday-Friday 9a-6p schedule and we began the new open hours of 8a-5p Monday Wednesday & Friday as of January 1 2018. Also uploaded in the Board Information file is an outline of how we intend to spend our time over the next few months, what classes, trainings, and activities we will be offering, and the objectives that we use to create our programming. Please see the program committee minutes from December 20 for more details.

### L.I.F.E. Summer Youth Program:

Melissa is working hard to begin preparation for the Summer Program. She has created and is in the process of distributing a survey to parents of youth between the ages of 12-18 to learn about what they would like their child to learn from the program.

### Other activities:

To celebrate the Christmas season, we were invited to sing Christmas carols before the Curtain Call Theater production on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We were joined in song by members of Kirksville Middle School's Student Council.

On several Wednesday afternoons, we went to the public library to learn about all of the resources that they have. Also, we are in the process of creating resource kits to donate to the library for people to use while they are there.