



2011 - 2012 Annual Report



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Early Learning Strategic Plan



The Early Learning leadership team created a new strategic plan, adhering to the established mission: Preparing your child for success in school and life, beginning at birth. To achieve its vision of high quality learning and development for every child, the team defined these two objectives:

1. Prepare all children who participate in our early learning programs for kindergarten regardless of race, socio-economic status, gender or unique need.
2. Ensure that all parents and families who participate in our early learning programs gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to enhance their child's growth and development.

Accomplishments to date include: All the children in their year before kindergarten, including many children identified with high needs, were placed in programs, and efforts at early screening have been enhanced; staff aligned and implemented a common assessment, the Individual Growth Development Indicators; and equity work has been prioritized to ensure culturally competent classrooms.

2011-2012 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
Adult Enrichment	5,380
Adult Options in Education/ESL	515
Aquatics	5,150
SLP Creative Play Pre-K	629
SLP ECFE	2,143
SLP First Steps Pre-K	65
Gymnastics	970
Kids' Place (Pre-K & School Age)	558
Kindergarten Plus	126
Project SOAR (includes data from four-district consortium)	4,023
Senior Program	15,212
Summer Spark (youth summer enrichment)	1,005
Volunteer Program	1,759
Youth Development	3,734
Youth Enrichment	1,391
Facilities Use (includes over 100 different community groups)	214,073

Based on Turnstile Count: Data from 2011-2012 Minnesota Department of Education Report

COMMUNITY EDUCATION REVENUE SOURCES



COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR LISA GREENE — In 2011-12, Community Education Advisory Council (CEAC) members reconnected with their Community Education advisory council roots by creating the following Guiding Tenets to help inform their work:

1. CEAC maintains lines of communication between Community Education and the community.
2. CEAC is a sounding board for ideas and action.
3. CEAC provides feedback to Community Education program initiatives.
4. CEAC acts as an idea incubator.

CEAC forwarded this goal by inviting CE staff to each of their meetings for meaningful conversation about each program area. On behalf of Community Education and our entire lifelong learning community, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of our CEAC members. The work you do is important and impactful: We appreciate you!

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Preparing your child for success in school and life, beginning at birth

All programs offer high quality learning and development for every child. As part of the St. Louis Park Public Schools, Community Education Early Learning programs provide families with important first connections to kindergarten and the community.

CREATIVE PLAY – Children ages 2½-5 participate in school-readiness activities. Classes emphasize social skills and constructive play.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) – Parents and children, ages birth-5, play and learn together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

FAMILY LEARNING – Preschool children learn while parents enrolled in ABE learn English or work on their GED.

FIRST STEPS – Strives to help children develop an international perspective and become aware of and sensitive to points of view of people around the world. Ages 3-5.

KIDS' PLACE EARLY LEARNING – Provided a high quality preschool experience for 125 infants and toddlers, preschoolers within a full-day child care setting.

PALS – Families with children ages 2½-5. Adds a preschool day to ECFE classes, while including the benefits of parent-child interaction, and parent discussion groups.

PALS+ – Children, ages 3-5, with and without disabilities learn to appreciate differences through a positive, nurturing, small-class environment.

RSL – Ready, Set, Learn. School-readiness program for children without any preschool experience. Ages 3-5.

SLP Community Education also serves preschoolers with Aquatics, Gymnastics and Kid Dance classes, all held at Central Community Center.

SENIOR PROGRAM

Learn & Laugh at Lenox!

The Senior Program at Lenox Community Center operates in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park. Seniors enjoy a wide variety of learning opportunities, from woodworking in a fully equipped woodshop, to playing pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the country, to discovering how easy it is to stay connected to family members via Facebook. As Senior Program member Jim Liska so aptly describes it, "The menu of activities offered to seniors at Lenox is second to none."

ADULT PROGRAMS

Lifelong Learning Completes

ADULT ENRICHMENT – Serves lifelong learners of all ages with a variety of diverse courses such as learning the ancient art of Bonsai or improving one's golf or tennis game.

ADULT OPTIONS IN EDUCATION / Adult Basic Education
AOIE provides a foundation of basic education classes for adult students. Day and evening classes focus on reading comprehension, math, GED exam preparation as well as speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for non-native speakers. Auxiliary services are provided at Wayside Residential Center. AOIE is a partnership between St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Minnetonka Community Education

PROJECT SOAR – This adults with disabilities program continues to grow with participation up 18% and more classes offered in a variety of social, recreational and enrichment activities. Operates in partnership with Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata Community Education.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – Recruits and trains volunteers for the City and Schools. This year, 38 volunteers spent 1,298 hours reading with 204 students in the Read 180 program.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Creating building blocks for a healthy, happy life

YOUTH ENRICHMENT – Serves students in grades K-12 and their families with a variety of classes and extracurricular activities in areas such as arts, music, sports, fitness and more.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Brings students in grades K-12 together to develop leadership skills through service learning and volunteerism.

AQUATICS – Provides lessons for swimmers ages five months through senior citizens, lap swimming opportunities, and pool rental and synchronized swimming club coordination.

GYMNASTICS – Provides enrichment gymnastics classes for participants ages 2-18, and prepares athletes for competition on the SLP High School team.

SUMMER SPARK – This program ensures continued summer learning for students grades K-8 through enrichment classes and activities.

KINDERGARTEN PLUS – This tuition-based, full-day program at Susan Lindgren, Peter Hobart and PSI benefitted 126 students with extended learning time with the same certified kindergarten teacher all day. (All-day kindergarten at Aquila is offered at no charge to families and is not administered through Community Education.)

KIDS' PLACE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE – Offers child care for school-age children, before and after school and all day in the summer, serving 433 school-age students.