

2013 - 2014 Annual Report

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Kids' Place Pioneers Educational Edible Playgrounds

Kids' Place partnered with local urban farming expert Julie Rappaport to bring edible gardens to the playgrounds at Central and Lenox Community Centers. Students learned about food and nutrition every step of the way, from planting, to growing, to harvesting and eating food from their gardens.

Six edible playgrounds were piloted in SLP parks and Kids' Place locations, through which:

- Over 600 children were reached.
- Over 300 pounds of food were donated to STEP, Fare4All and Health in the Park.
- Over 700 pounds of food were eaten or brought home by children.



2013-2014 Participant Information

Program	Participants
Adult Enrichment	4,449
Adult Options in Education/ESL	520
Aquatics	3,832
Creative Play /Preschool Enrichment	300
ECFE/Early Learning	1,682
Gymnastics	845
Kids' Place (Pre-K & School Age)	767
Kindergarten Plus	121
Project SOAR (includes data from four-district consortium)	4,114
Senior Program	16,459
Summer Spark (youth summer enrichment)	1,036
Volunteer Program	333
Youth Development	3,621
Youth Enrichment	1,525
Total program participants	39,604
Facilities Use (includes 143 different community groups)	295,101

Based on Turnstile Count: Data from 2013-2014 Minnesota Department of Education Report

Community Education Revenue Sources

Local Sources (City/County funds plus local gifts & grants)

State Taxes & Aide - \$ 1,694,159

Tuition & Fees - \$ 3,990,496

\$ 821,167

Total Revenues
\$ 6,505,822

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A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

LISA GREENE — St. Louis Park Community Education prides itself on serving the adults in our community through Adult Enrichment, the Senior Program, the Volunteer Program and Adult Options in Education (for adults who want to learn

English, get their GED and/or increase their workforce skills). But did you know we also serve adults with disabilities? Project SOAR is a Community Education program that provides social, enrichment, and recreational programming for adults with developmental, sensory, cognitive and physical disabilities. The classes and activities provide lifelong learning and are specially designed and adapted to individual abilities. As part of a consortium of four school districts, activities are offered in St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata. For more information and to see the entire breadth of offerings, go to www.projectsoarmn.org.



BIRTH - FIVE Programs

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

EARLY LEARNING AND CREATIVE PLAY –

Serving children ages 33 months-5 years old, the curriculum for these programs focuses on language and literacy, social and emotional development, and school readiness skills. In the 2013-14 school year, Early Learning and Creative Play merged to offer one simple, straightforward intake and registration process, while keeping choices for morning and afternoon sessions, and opportunities for parent education.

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 - While parents enrolled in ABE learn English or work on their GED, preschool children learn in activities.

KIDS' PLACE EARLY LEARNING – Provides a high quality preschool experience within a full-day child care setting.

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



SENIOR PROGRAM

Health and Fitness Opportunities Increase

Are you looking for something fun and beneficial for your health? The Senior Program now offers

Zumba Gold and Warm Water Exercise classes in its repertory. Zumba Gold is a community oriented dance-fitness class that feels fresh and exhilarating. Do you have arthritis or stiffness in your joints? If so, warm water exercise is for you. The class consists of stretching, flexibility and range of motion in a 91-degree pool that has a zero-entry ramp. Other fitness classes available include Enhanced Fitness, Gentle Yoga or T'ai Chi Ch'uan, stop in and give a class a try! The Senior Program, housed at Lenox Community Center, operates in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Lifelong Learning Completes

ADULT ENRICHMENT – Serves lifelong learners of all ages with courses covering a wide variety of topics such as arts and crafts, fitness and nutrition, technology, dance, music and more.

ADULT OPTIONS IN EDUCATION / Adult Basic Education – AOIE provides a solid foundation of basic education classes for adult students. Day and evening classes focus on building reading comprehension, math, preparation for GED Exam 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 program for adults with disabilities offers classes in a variety of social, recreational and enrichment activities. Project SOAR operates in partnership with Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata Community Education.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – Recruited and trained over 300 community volunteers for St. Louis Park Public Schools. Volunteers generously gave over 10,600 hours of their time helping students with reading, math, English language learning and more. The total value of volunteer service in the 2013-14 school year was over \$255,000.



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 4-12 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 LEARNING AND PLAY – This program ensures continued learning over the summer 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 students with extended learning time with the same certified kindergarten teacher all day. (All-day kindergarten was available at Aquila 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.