

Social and Community Engagement

Next up in our “how we measure success” series. At Capstone, we build community and social engagement through active participation, structured reflection, and real-world skill practice.

Staff observe how participants initiate conversations, adapt to new environments, practice teamwork, and manage unexpected situations during community outings. Participants also complete a Community and Social Skills Self-Assessment at the start and end of the year, measuring growth in communication, flexibility, and conflict resolution.

This year, we’ve added peer feedback tools to encourage reflection after each event. Participants assess their own listening, communication, and teamwork skills, while staff add formal observations.

Community engagement metrics are tracked bi-annually and reviewed annually to refine programming and support individual growth. We don’t just hope for progress—we measure it, reinforce it, and build it intentionally across all social experiences.

Capstone Remodel

We’re excited to announce that the Capstone space will be getting a full remodel this summer! Our goal is to create a more functional, private, and welcoming environment for participants and staff.

Plans include adding an additional classroom, expanding the recreation room, installing new carpet and paint, better separating participant and staff areas, and enclosing the entire Capstone wing for more privacy. One of our classrooms will also be converted into a new vocational workspace with upgraded furniture for hands-on projects, group work, and more.

Construction will take place throughout June, July, and early August, with a goal of finishing by August 20th. During this time, Capstone will temporarily relocate to the High School classrooms.



Moving day will be Monday, June 2nd. Participants are welcome to help move boxes and small furniture—or just come cheer us on! Volunteering and off-site classes and activities will go on as usual, but classroom learning will be limited for that day.

Find Love Safely- June 11th

On Wednesday, June 11th, from 3pm-4pm Katherine Gylolai from Find Love Safely will be presenting to our Capstone students. Parents are welcome to attend!

Find Love Safely is a matchmaking service for young adults with neurodifferences, focused on helping participants understand different types of relationships, make connections, and feel confident setting personal boundaries. All communication through their service is done via legal guardians, so guardianship must be in place to participate, but all are encouraged to attend to learn more.

You can find more information [here](#). Please reach out to Ms. Kelsey or myself if you have any questions.

With Sincere Appreciation
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Director of Adult Education

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 Brick Mania Lego Store / Hocokata Ti
5 New Hope YMCA	6	7	8 MOAK at 8:30 am	9 Franklin Center Art Day / Caponi Art Park
12 PRISM / DoubleTree Hotel	13	14	15	16 Wiseman Museum / Texa Tonka Lanes
19 New Hope YMCA	20	21	22	23 Lilo and Stitch Movie / Japanese Garden
26 Memorial Day- No Programming	27	28	29	30 Slick City Action Park / Hmong Cultural Center

Please note: This calendar is subject to change.

*Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

