

# Anixtercenter DISABILITY SERVICES

## August 2025

### Literacy Spotlight: Virginia Weinmann Continues to Thrive

We featured Virginia Weinmann in our newsletter, May of 2024, where we highlighted her ambitious journey toward becoming a paid childcare worker. Since then, she has been working hard toward her goal! She is resilient and determined!

Over the last two years, Virginia has immersed herself in Early Childhood Education (ECE) coursework—completing more than ten certification classes. Her passion for childcare shines through in every tutoring session. Virginia's dream is to advance from Childcare Assistant to Lead Childcare Teacher, and she's well on her way. She recently landed a position at Crown Daycare—hired on the spot and offered a full-time role within days. The children adore her, and, as the saying goes, kids are the best judges of character!

Virginia's achievements extend beyond the classroom. She launched her profile on [sittercity.com](https://www.sittercity.com) and [care.com](https://www.care.com) in 2022, turning her love of babysitting into meaningful weekend work for extra cash. This not only gave her financial independence but also helped her develop digital fluency, life skills, and budgeting habits. Virginia has also completed Illinois Gateways early childhood educator coursework!

Virginia's ultimate goal is to own and run her own brick-and-mortar daycare center. Her tutor describes her as courageous, persistent, and deeply empathetic toward children, with a Mary Poppins-like intuition for their needs. Whether she's role-playing interview questions, learning to ride her bike, or refining her literacy skills, Virginia is always eager to grow.

We're so proud of her accomplishments, her resilience, and her unstoppable spirit. Virginia embodies what it means to set high goals and pursue them with heart.



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## CRS Legacy: Urban Adventures



August was another busy month CRS Legacy participants. They were very active during the month taking part in exciting activities on site and continued excursions into the community as well. One very special occasion was helping their friend, Austin celebrate his birthday.



## ICILA: Staying Connected Fun with Friends

ICILA learners enjoyed the beautiful weather this month by participating in a variety of community activities, including mini golf, visits to the library, and trying out new restaurants. They are now looking forward to September and the new adventures it will bring.





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## CRS Choice: Community Connections

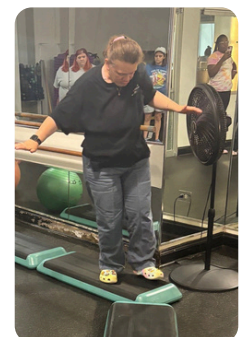
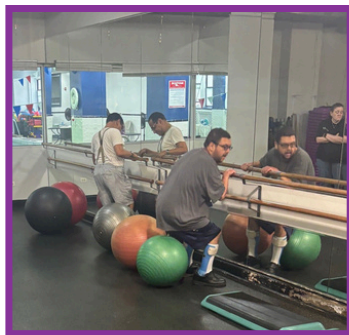
CRS Choice participants kept very busy during the month of August. They took part in a wide variety of on-site activities and classes like cooking, dance, karaoke, knitting, art, and different games. Community outings continue to be very popular among participants, and there were many opportunities to explore the Chicagoland area. Highlights for the month included trips to the Lincoln Park Zoo, the movies theater, the Nature Museum, Navy Pier, and the Edgewater Athletic club for the Movement and Motion Class. Participants are eager for upcoming fall events.



The Lincoln Park Zoo



The Nature Museum



Movement and Motion Class

Cooking Class





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## Unity CLIA: August Adventures

Unity residents took advantage of the beautiful August weather and took time to have some fun. Residents and staff ventured out into Chicago and participated in some summertime celebrations including the Market Days Festival as well as attending the Bud Billiken Parade. Unity residents and staff also had a wonderful time celebrating with their neighbors at their very first Brown Street Block Party.

