



Rid-All Urban Farm Tour



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Lego Air Sensor Challenge



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46 Sites Served

IConnect NCA



Engaged Paint N' Sip Participants in Bay Village



Using an iPad to maneuver a robot through a maze



Increasing Socialization

IConnect participants celebrate with a Paint N' Sip at a local apartment building. Materials, artistic direction, and refreshments are provided while the participants build community with their neighbors. Curated, creative activities influenced by technology are designed to decrease feelings of isolation and increase socialization among residents and Senior Center members. Calendar & registration forms at www.gcncnca.org/iconnect.



Digital Technology Skills

IConnect expanded its reach into additional Northeast Ohio counties. Online and in person classes are held in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Richland, and Summit County for adults age 55+. NCA's Community Connector Corps Members provide personalized digital technology experiences catered to participants' interests and abilities.



Advancing Adult Literacy



Dr. Stewart, staff, & students attend Tri-C's award luncheon.



NCA's Aspire, in its 2nd year, is busier than ever. Under the direction of Dr. Carmine Stewart, Aspire Staff work diligently to recruit, test, and onboard new students interested in improving literacy and numeracy skills for GED passage and professional opportunities. Classes are online and in person at the YWCA and the Glenville and Woodland Branches of the Cleveland Public Library. Interested students and tutors call 216.727.3825.

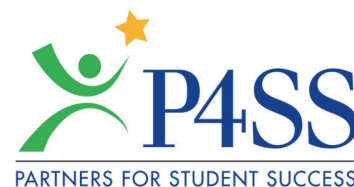


352 Inquiries into
Adult Education

Out of School Time Programs



608 K-12 Students Served



Digital Photography & Art Open House at Stella Walsh



Students practicing culinary skills.

NextGen Leadership Academy

In partnership with The City of Cleveland Resource & Recreation Centers, NCA ran four 10-week summer cohorts of students ages 10-14. They earned a stipend while learning about environmental systems within Cleveland. The students volunteered in urban gardens, toured water treatment plants, interviewed local council people, and tested air quality. They documented their learning through daily journaling, digital photography, and a magazine publication.

Life Skills

Throughout the program year, students learn valuable life skills. Cooking lessons are the favorite. Students practice knife skills as they cut up fruits and vegetables for salads and salsas. They hand sew buttons and hems. Students explore potential careers and the training needed to achieve their goals. They practice counting money, budgeting, and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset.

The Amazing Shake



Mock interviews are part of career and college readiness.



2025 Amazing Shake Participants

NCA hosted its second Amazing Shake. Thirty students from four schools cultivated professional qualities (i.e., speaking articulately, a proper handshake, formal introductions, working a room). The students were brave, quickly and creatively responding to real world scenarios and interview questions.

NCA's Global Impact

Community Solutions Fellows, Stephany from Honduras and Yosva from Indonesia, spent three months with NCA and P4SS at Facing History New Tech High School. NCA participants love learning about our fellows' cultures, expanding everyone's horizons. The fellows will implement newly honed fundraising and social emotional tools upon their return to their home countries.



Yosva and Stephany at Lights On Afterschool's Art Event



Music Making in the Community



NCA AmeriCorps Members distribute Boomwhackers.

NCA's AmeriCorps members led a group of older adults in a creative music lesson using colorful Boomwhackers. The Music & Movement Fest was hosted by the City Of Warrensville Heights and Cuyahoga County's Division of Senior & Adult Services, part of the Livable Cuyahoga Initiative. Our members are diverse in age, ability, and ethnicity with 32 members supporting IConnect, P4SS, and other local programs throughout six counties.

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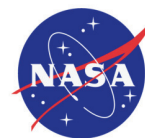
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