

CAC of Portage County (Northeast Region) – Newsletter – December 2018

Windham 21st Century Community Learning Centers Completes Annual Computer Build Course
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Ten students involved in the Community Action Council of Portage County’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Program at Windham Exempted Village School District participated in the 3rd Annual Computer Build Course. The course is offered through a partnership between Community Action Council of Portage County, Windham Exempted Village Schools and The Community Technology Learning Center in Ravenna, Ohio. Ten students in grades seven through twelve participated in the 4 week program designed to provide students with youth development experiences in technology training, college and career readiness and STEM learning.

The student group worked with an IT specialist, building desk top computers component by component; as well as loading system software, Microsoft Software, learning trouble shooting skills, and computer safety from both a physical standpoint and online. Students worked on their computers during the afterschool program hours and completed two assessments designed to measure increasing knowledge. They worked individually to build their computer and worked collaboratively to help one another as well. Students, who completed all aspects of the course, were able to take the computers home free of charge. This will allow them to utilize the computer for completing high school assignments and for post-secondary purposes.



To date, Community Action Council of Portage County has provided over 60 students in Windham Exempted Village Schools and Ravenna School District combined, with a computer build course over the last six years in both districts’ 21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Programs. One former student participant, who has since graduated from Ravenna School District, is studying Information Technology as a career path and is working on A+ certification through the Community Technology Learning Center.

Submitted to 21st Century Learning Centers Program Shares by Amy Adams, Director of School Based Services, Community Action Council of Portage County.