

SPARK Monthly Activity Report

October 2024		Submitted by Rosa Sida
Community Events And Outreach		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Day October 5, 2024 from 10-2pm, it was a well-attended event thanks to Brian Failing for inviting SPARK. • SPARK staff presented to the City of Aurora Educational Commission on October 2, 2024. After the presentation SPARK was invite to participate in two more events for SD 131 and SD308 for Parent University Day. • Halloween Hoopla at the Aurora Library, October 31, from 12-3pm
Programming		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playgroups • Parents Groups • Developmental screenings • New England Church location; playgroups every Friday from 10-11am • Monthly Parents groups in collaboration with Family Focus. • EOLA Library playgroups are every other Tuesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 • Northern Lights Community Center: We are starting program October 7th Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-2pm • Services: Playgroups, parent groups, developmental screenings, we are also collaborating with DCM and KCHD
Staff/Interns		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are attending Aurora University Career and Internship Fair Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from noon to 4 p.m. • Our goal is to have 2-3 Interns from Aurora University to support SPARK activities.
Data		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach is the 3 year impact report (Draft) • News Letter
Collaboration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next SPARK Community Meeting October 17th Virtual meeting • SPARK is attending: All are Kids Collaboration monthly meeting • Birth to Five Collaboration for Kane County monthly meetings. • City of Aurora Educational Commission monthly meetings. • SPARK is collaborating with Raising Illinois and COFE to organize an Early Intervention Focused event. Oct 29th at Prisco Community Center.
Grants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Aurora 35K (Submitted Application) • Birth to Five 100K (Submitted Application) • Dunham Foundation (We are going to wait until 2025, based on Dunham recommendations)