Kent County Learning Center expanding to Baywood Village

ROCK HALL — The Kent County Learning Center is expanding again, this time to Baywood Village near Chestertown. Mary Etta Reedy, KCLC president, said an initiative was in place to offer tutoring for elementary students in that community on a regular basis. “We decided to help the children who are in school stay in school,” she said during an April 3 interview.

Reedy said Jennifer Hicks, program manager of the Possible Dream Project, which allows for programming inside Baywood, reached out to the center. “She came to us because we can provide the service she’s looking for,” Reedy said. In a telephone interview Tuesday, April 7, Hicks said the center has a “well-established learning structure” for tutoring and education that she thought would be good for Baywood. “They (the center) were looking to expand, so it’s a perfect match,” she said.

Reedy said that eight tutors have been found for the Baywood site, all with advanced degrees in different fields. She said the tutors will be able to help students who are struggling with subjects like math, science and more. Phil Cicconi, KCLC vice president, said April 7 that “all the pieces are in place” and that the new location will be available to the public in the next few weeks. The tutoring sessions will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 23165 Baywood Court.

In its third year, the Kent County Learning Center initially started out as the Rock Hall Learning Center and focused on the GED program. It soon changed its name, partnered with Chesapeake College and expanded throughout the county. In addition to elementary school tutoring, the center also offers GED, Spanish and computer programs, tutoring for middle and high school students and courses for local businesses. “Whatever they need help in or with, we’re here,” Reedy said. Cicconi said all programs are free, except those that are college-level. The center has three locations: the Rock Hall Civic Center, Emmanuel Church, Chestertown and Mt. Olive Church near Worton. Classes are usually held 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reedy said each site has its own set of trained volunteers and that free childcare is provided to parents participating in the programs. She also said the center is looking to expand into the Massey area.

For more information or to register for classes at the Kent County Learning Center, call Chesapeake College at 410-822-5850, or call 410-639-9008 or 410-639-2387