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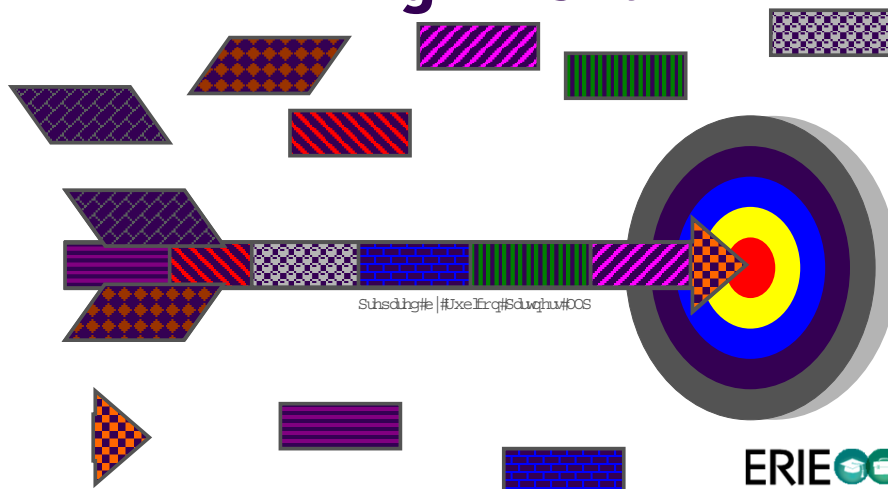
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*Working together to make the
Erie Region a community
of opportunity where **everyone** can
learn, work and thrive.*

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HOW ET WORKS **Alignment**



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ET OBJECTIVES

LEARN

More children become successful adults

WORK

More Erie residents have family-sustaining employment

THRIVE

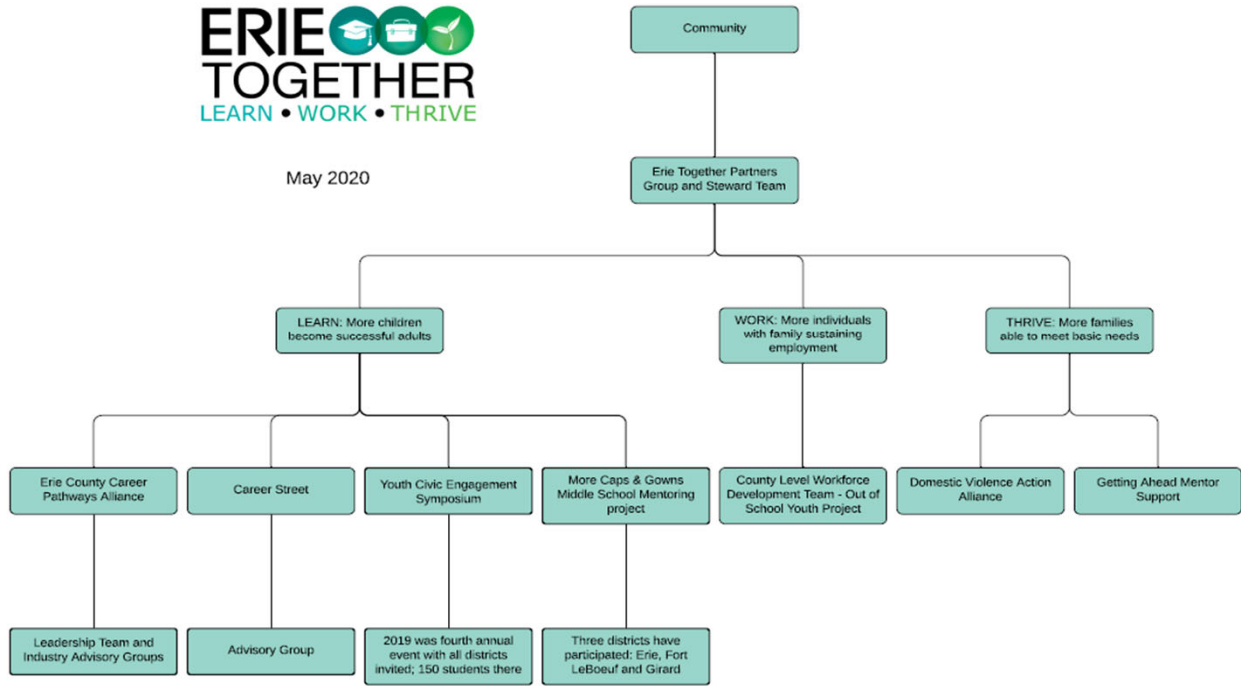
More Erie County families able to meet their basic needs



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NEW WEBSITE
www.erietogether.org

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ERIE COUNTY CAREER PATHWAYS ALLIANCE
<https://www.erietogether.org/erie-county-career-pathways-alliance>

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ERIE COUNTY CAREER PATHWAYS ALLIANCE MISSION AND VISION

- Mission: To implement a countywide career pathways system that successfully prepares Erie County students for post-secondary education and training and future careers.
- Vision: A community where all students graduate high school on time, with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in life after high school and to thrive in their community.

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STRUCTURE

Schools	Industry Advisory Groups	Others
9 of 13 districts All three CTCs Post-Secondaries	Engineering & Industrial Technology Science & Health Business, Finance & Information Technology Arts & Communication Human Services	Career Street Workforce Development Board IU #5 GECAC Erie Regional Manufacturer Partnership NWPA CareerLink

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2019/20 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: CROSS SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

- Cross-sector Leadership Team meets monthly to steer efforts.
- Three industry advisory groups (Eng. & Industrial Tech; S & H; **BFIT**) formed and meet every other month
- New/expanded programmatic and funding partnerships (EUP – Quality Assurance; GECAC/PSB – Plastics; NWP Job Connect – two BEP grants; HHF - S & H; Erie Insurance – ET, ECCPA and CS support; NC3T – ECCPA facilitation)

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2019/20 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: CAREER DEVELOPMENT (Learners with career exploration; engaged parents)

- Career Pathways informational flyers - Two finished; third almost complete. Housed here: <https://www.careerstreeterie.org/resources/resource-documents>
- Career exploration priority experiences and templates- Six complete; seven drafted. Housed here: <https://www.careerstreeterie.org/resources/experience-templates>
- EUP (24 students) and GECAC/PSB (11 students) programs
- Career Street NIE pieces – 36 published; over 100 organized by industry housed here: <https://www.careerstreeterie.org/resources/newspapers-in-education>

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2019/20 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: MORE ON CAREER STREET

- Focused program growth on younger grades
 - Eight science and health experiences – 481 students in grades 3-8
 - Eleven non-science/health experiences – 391 students in grades 3-8
- Total: 77 experiences impacting 3,711 students in grades 3-12

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2019/20 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

- High school course organization around five career pathways
- Utilized Science & Health Advisory Group to secure local employer input for Erie County Technical School program planning

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2019/20 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: DYNAMIC TEACHING & LEARNING

- NC3T middle and high school career exploration courses and learning resources
- NC3T CareerSmart Classroom resources to connect core subjects to careers
- Career Street monthly educator tours at local employer sites: discussions on key knowledge, skills, and attributes needed for success in industry. Hosted seven tours, visiting 26 employers impacting 35 educators from 10 districts.

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2019/20 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: EMPLOYER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Leadership Team and Advisory Groups	Involvement in What's So Cool About Manufacturing; Mfg Day; YCES; Erie ReStart
Project and Funding Partnerships	Erie County Data Center
Expanding Advisory Groups	Media opportunities; public communications (website, newsletters, social media)

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ERIE COUNTY CAREER PATHWAYS ALLIANCE AND CAREER STREET: WHAT'S NEXT?

- Continue priority experience development with Advisory Group input; launch final two Groups
- Finalize BFIT Flyer; move on to Human Services and Arts & Communication
- Create and host Career Pathways Information Sessions for students / families
- Continue to refine and grow Career Street
- Pursue vibrant partnership with ERMP
- Support success of EUP Quality Assurance and GECAC/PSB plastics programs

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YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

<https://www.erietogether.org/youth-civic-engagement-symposium>

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YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

- Hosted in partnership with Gannon University and U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's Office around Constitution Day each year; 2020 will be 5th Annual.
- Scheduled for September 16 this year; planned enhancements based on lessons learned. Keeping an eye on pandemic impact.
- Student slots were **fully allocated within a few hours** of event invitation.

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COUNTY LEVEL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAM (CLWDT) Out of School Youth Project

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CLWDT: OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH PROJECT

Purpose: Identify and support “Out of School Youth” with training and other resources to prepare them for local jobs and connect them with employment opportunities.

“Out of School Youth” are individuals who are 16-24 years old and are high school dropouts or have a diploma or equivalent but are unable to secure and maintain employment.

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CLWDT: OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH PROJECT

- Focus on hard-to-fill entry-level **healthcare** jobs first.
- Surveyed local employers for skills and training needs.
- Next step: invite employers to meeting with CLWDT – confirm needs; discuss opportunity; determine interest.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION ALLIANCE



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION ALLIANCE

Focus: Develop a comprehensive domestic violence reduction strategy for Erie County

Team:

Law Enforcement	District Attorney	Domestic Violence Agencies
Higher Education	Social Service Agencies	Legal Services
Immigrant Services	Public Health	Healthcare Providers
Magisterial District Justice	U.S. Attorney's Office	U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's Office
Faith-Based	Animal Protection	Others

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION ALLIANCE

Progress Since Launch in August 2019 (Nine Months):

Short & Long-Term Goals	Top Challenges to Reducing DV and Potential Strategies to Address
Common definition of "Domestic Violence"	Decision to move forward with DV Fatality Review Process; mock review in June
Group Name, Logo, Tagline and Social Media Elements (Edinboro Beehive Assistance)	Exploring Promising Practices elsewhere for implementation here: Chula Vista DV Program

Next Steps: continue to work through challenges and solutions; finalize strategy for group approval; seek funding to support recommendations.

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MENTOR SUPPORT ("GETTING AHEAD" PROGRAM)

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MENTOR SUPPORT:

- **Purpose:** Provide additional “training” and other enhancements to strengthen mentor/mentee relationships and support mentors throughout their involvement in the Getting Ahead program.
- **Elements:** (1) Better matching; (2) Monthly “lessons” to be delivered at Big View meetings for mentor and mentee participation (relationship building with a point); and (3) Mentor support network.
- **Next step:** survey prior mentors regarding their experience to inform changes.

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FACILITATED DISCUSSION

*Beyond continuing our project work,
what are additional ways to maintain Erie Together's momentum
during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond?*

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COMBINED ACTION TEAM MEETING
MAY 20, 2020

THANK YOU!

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