

# COMMUNITY FORUM

November 13, 2012

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*READY...*

*SET...*

**GO!**

# COMMUNITY FORUM AGENDA

- Background on Erie Together
- Our work so far
- Community highlights
- What can YOU do to align with our community's outcomes?

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PNC Bank

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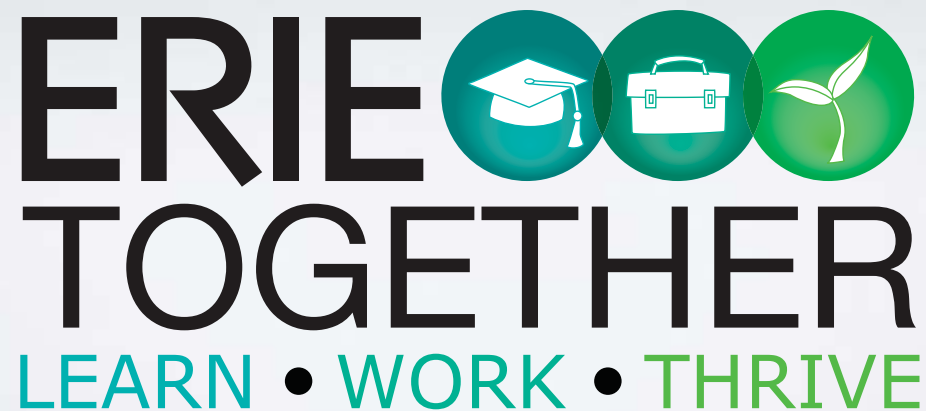
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FAMILY ACTION TEAMS





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COUNTYWIDE ACTION TEAMS

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THRIVE



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**High School graduates ready  
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**Youth with quality career  
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**Children reading at grade  
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**Children ready to learn when  
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**More Erie Region residents  
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# More Erie Region residents have family-sustaining employment



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Workforce has job skills  
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**Families are connected to  
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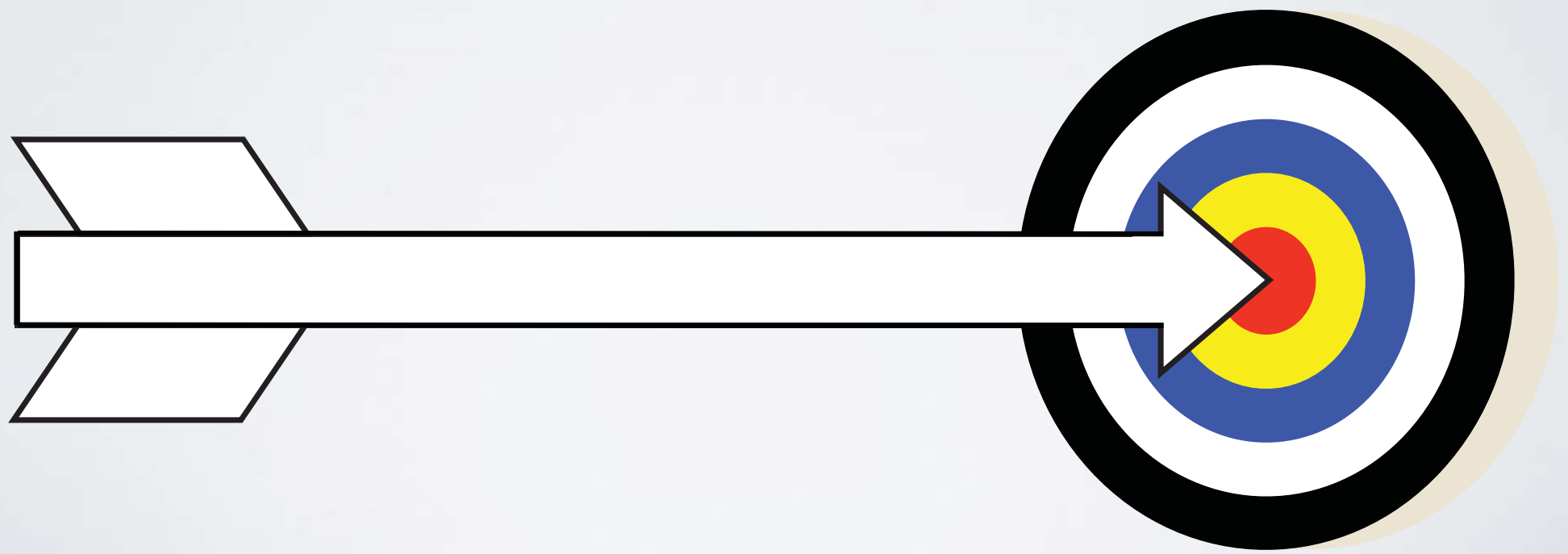


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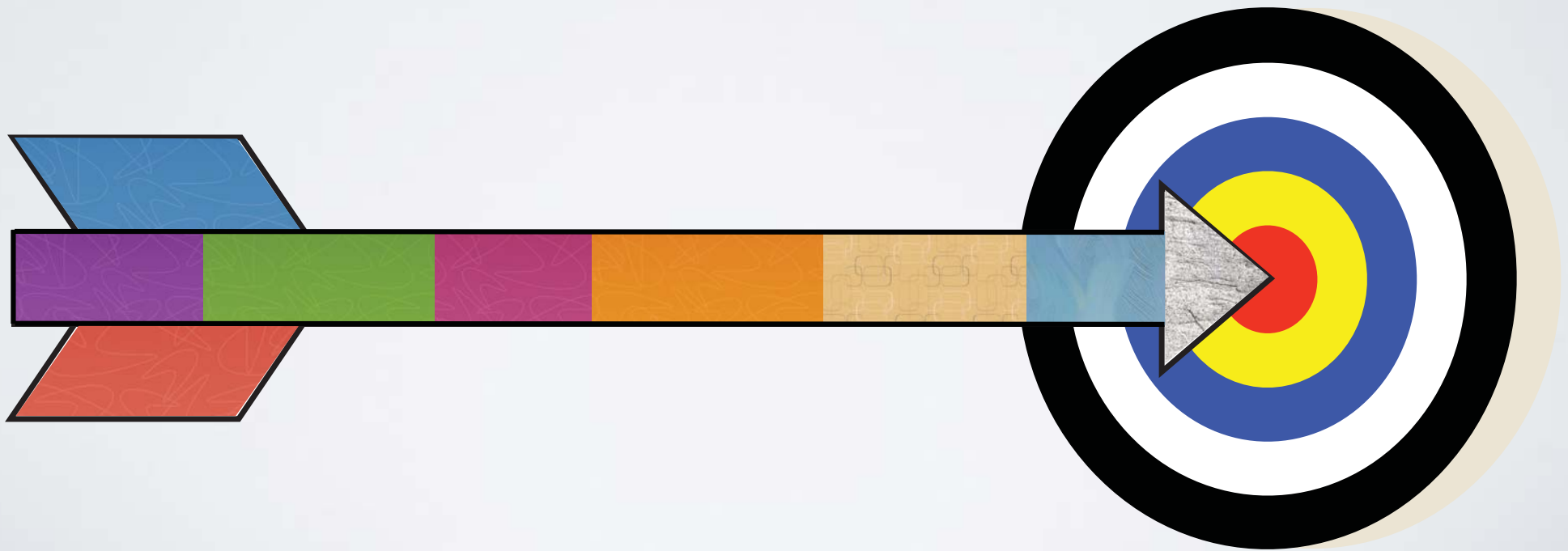
**Align system of  
community supports**

# Alignment



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# Erie Vital Signs

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# More children ready when they enter kindergarten

*In Process*

**Quality early education opportunities for more children**

*In Process*

**Common evaluation of kindergarten readiness AND training/strategies to improve performance**



**Common definition of kindergarten readiness/skills**



**Schools and early educators collaborating**

# More youth motivated for school success and prepared for life after high school

*In Process*

All 8th graders have quality career exploration experiences; upperclassmen & families understand post-secondary options

*In Process*

Career Readiness Survey & Career Exploration Project



Common definition of career plan



Expectations that all students can succeed

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*In Process*

Distribute checklist across Erie County

Design & print checklist

Vet Checklist with employers and agencies

Develop Work Readiness Checklist

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*In Process*

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**TOGETHER**  
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# ERIE TOGETHER EXPANDING ENGAGEMENT

## Evolving Calls to Action as work progresses:

- Expect that all children can succeed in school and life
- Use the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist, and get it out in the community everywhere
- Talk to youth about careers, and get involved in career exploration



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## Evolving Calls to Action as work progresses:

- Become a Family Action Team Partner and help expand Family Action Teams process
- Help distribute Work Readiness Checklist to those who need it
- Get involved in planning, and bring action plans to fruition through Countywide Action Teams
- Invite an Erie Together speaker to present to your club/organization



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