



“One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation.”

– Arthur Ashe

Erie Together’s work to **prepare students for post-secondary education, careers and life** is receiving **positive attention nationally**. Please see this link to a National Center for College and Career Transitions (NC3T) blog highlighting our work and accomplishments.

<http://www.pathwayssherpa.com/2017/10/05/how-to-connect-pathways-and-collective-impact-the-erie-pa-story/>

Through Erie Together’s facilitation, our community has created the **Erie County Career Pathways Alliance (ECCPA)**, a partnership between education and business to create a countywide career pathways system. On October 27, the ECCPA will officially kick off the expansion of its leadership team, and the creation of its first industry advisory group focused on Engineering & Industrial Technology.

Additional Learn Highlights

- Erie Together, in partnership with Gannon University and US Senator Pat Toomey’s office, hosted the second annual “Youth Civic Engagement Symposium” on Friday, September 15 in conjunction with “Constitution Day.” **The event was very successful** and well received by students and school districts. Officials representing the executive, legislative and judicial branches of federal, state and local government spoke to 140 students from eight schools, including the Barber National Institute, Collegiate Academy, Corry, Erie High, Iroquois, North East, Seneca, and Union City. Students were also introduced to voting booths where they each cast a ballot on two questions. Please visit this link for the Erie Times-News article. <http://www.goerie.com/news/20170916/students-learn-ropes-of-government-at-symposium>
- The school readiness component of United Way of Erie County and other stakeholders’ push to become a “Campaign for Grade Level Reading” community is based heavily on Erie Together’s prior and/or current goals, body of work and products. Currently Erie Together is working with local school districts to gather data on kindergarten readiness, assessments and on-time kindergarten registration to support the initiative.
- At the request of Emerge 2040, Erie Together is facilitating the “Erie County Education and Training Consortium.” This is a group of high ranking officials from pre-K through post-secondary education and training entities and other community leaders who are working together to identify our region’s top education and training-related priorities and rally efforts and resources to address them. The group has narrowed its priority list to four, and is continuing its due diligence. Please click here for more information: erietogether.org/ETC.

“Working together to make the Erie region a community of opportunity where everyone can learn, work and thrive.”

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Work Highlights

Erie Together is exploring new ways to help individuals understand required job skills and connect them with training so they may find and maintain family-sustaining employment. The current focus is on expanding the Commonwealth of PA's "Job Gateway" database to serve as a one-stop-shop for individuals looking for a wide variety of training providers. This work is in the early stages, but shows good promise. Erie Together's next planned step is to convene and facilitate a 90-minute meeting of local employers to gain additional insight on in-demand skills.

Thrive Highlights

Erie Together's efforts in this regard are focused on (1) deploying additional "Getting Ahead" programs across Erie County; (2) reducing the stigma of accessing social services and (3) recruiting mentors for the Getting Ahead program.

Photos from 2017 Youth Civic Engagement Symposium

