

Education and Training Consortium (ETC)
A Collaboration of Erie Area Educational Leaders
Supported by Emerge 2040 and Erie Together

ETC consists of:

- Top-ranking officials from public and private pre-k through secondary institutions/districts
- President(s) of local public, private and/or proprietary higher education institution(s)
- Leader representing adult basic education initiatives
- Top-ranking officials representing community organizations
- Top-ranking officials of business/industry “membership groups” that provide training
- Local CEO’s with training interest representing various industry segments
- Leader of Workforce Development Board
- Select, high-ranking government officials

This group is select, influential, consistent and of a manageable size.

ETC’s role:

- Set education and training-related priorities, and bring influence and resources to bear so they may be accomplished.

- Identify what is happening in the education and training arena locally, and bring more of a central focus to those efforts.

- Foster collaboration and “connect dots.”
 - Bring greater visibility to what is being undertaken in the community.
 - Act as the “go-to” resource for entities to help advance efforts.
 - Maintain an understanding of the “big picture” countywide.
 - Identify gaps to addressing community challenges, and suggest ways to address those gaps.
 - By its nature, help streamline the many meetings that people attend, making the work in this arena more efficient.
 - Act as a singular unified voice for education in the community, similar to Erie Arts & Culture’s presence for the arts, and the Partnership for a Health Community for healthcare.

- Explore promising practices from other communities; determine what could/should be considered locally.

- Identify and monitor progress through data; make necessary adjustments to efforts as warranted.

ETC’s success will lead to:

- Greater collaboration and input, helping our community achieve education/training/workforce development goals.
- Joint, coordinated planning.
- More children growing up to be successful adults, more individuals with family-sustaining employment, and more self-sufficient families.
- Better education and training to meet local needs.
- Better prepared local workforce.
- Greater business retention, expansion and attraction.
- Stronger local economy.
- More strategic use of funds.