



Early each year, Erie Together reviews its “Learn,” “Work,” and “Thrive” body of work, objectives and outcomes, and updates action plans as needed for the greatest collective impact. As the foundation of our work is aligning efforts, expertise and resources to achieve important community priorities, your participation is invaluable. We are always **#BetterTogether**.

## Erie Together’s LEARN-Related Highlights

- Erie Together’s early childhood readiness and success team is exploring the use of various innovative technologies, including smartphone apps and a text campaign to reach families of young children with important information and resources. The goal is to improve pre-K outcomes and third grade reading proficiency to ensure more Erie County children are able to succeed.
- A significant objective of Erie Together’s work is to increase the number of students graduating high school on time, prepared for what’s next. A very important piece of this is creating a countywide career pathways system, and Erie Together is working with local school districts, businesses, and economic and workforce development stakeholders to do just that. A second Erie Together team is developing a positive example ad campaign to inform students, parents, and other stakeholders about affordable and achievable careers available in our region.
- Erie Together, in partnership with Emerge 2040, has successfully launched the “Erie County Education and Training Consortium,” a group of high ranking officials from pre-K through post-secondary education and training entities and other community leaders to identify our region’s top education and training-related priorities and rally efforts and resources to address them.

## Erie Together’s WORK-Related Highlights

- To help more Erie County residents find and maintain family-sustaining employment, this team is bolstering its efforts to help people understand various job skills (basic, soft, and technical) required by employers, and provide ways to easily connect to training providers. The team is identifying existing resources for basic academic skills, soft skills, and technical skills and looking into the potential for a central place where individuals can access training opportunities.

## Erie Together’s THRIVE-Related Highlights

- To increase the number of self-sufficient families in Erie County, this team is pursuing ways to create more interpersonal connections (even beyond our *Getting Ahead* Program) between individuals working toward self-sufficiency and peer mentors/positive role models. This includes developing relationships with organizations who provide these types of mentoring programs, and promoting them to those in need. Additionally, this team is developing strategies to promote important self-sufficiency resources including the Unified Erie Family Team’s Evidence-Based Program Directory and 2-1-1.

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

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