



Erie Together Activity Update **December 2, 2015**

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Erie Together's efforts over the last few weeks have been very focused on preparing for and hosting the Erie Together Community Forum on November 17. This report reflects feedback from the forum, along with a few additional items.

This year, 313 people attended the Erie Together Community Forum. The program consisted of:

- Remarks from Jay Connor of Rubicon Partners, LLP who was the national consultant that helped Erie Together launch
- Erie Together 2015 Year In Review (please visit this link for the video presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVkuDpvILzw&feature=youtu.be>)
- Panel presentation from the Girard More Caps & Gowns Mentoring Program
- Panel presentation on "Mentors Changing Lives" locally
- Short table exercise on keys to successful mentoring relationships
- Call to action for engagement

We received a lot of positive feedback through emails, social media and in person following the forum. Additionally, the following bullets reflect survey results we collected from 84 respondents to date related to the substantive survey questions. Erie Together is now responding to the various requests for information and engagement interest as warranted.

Erie Together Survey Responses to Date:

- The remarks from the national consultant were informative (75%)
- The Year in Review clearly communicated Erie Together's activity and progress (96%)
- The Call to Action to get engaged was easy to understand. (90%)

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- The panelists were interesting. (97%)
- The panelists' remarks were relevant. (100%)
- The value of mentoring was clearly illustrated. (100%)
- The table exercise was worthwhile. (39%)
- I am making a conscious effort to do things within my work, volunteer or personal life to help achieve the desired community outcomes. (97%)
- I would like to become more directly involved in Erie Together's work.
 - Early childhood readiness and success (14%)
 - Aligning K-12 education to careers (9%)
 - Helping more families become self-sufficient (11%)
 - Helping adults secure family-sustaining employment (11%)
 - Please add me to the general mailing list (12%)
 - I already participate in Action Teams (48%)
 - I am not interested at this time (20%)
- I would like more information on the following opportunities:
 - Mentoring students through the More Caps and Gowns Project (35%)
 - Mentoring adults in Family Action Teams (12%)
 - Mentoring individuals with prior criminal justice system involvement (16%)
 - Adopt-A-School opportunities (9%)
 - I already participate in a mentoring program (46%)
- I plan to do the following:
 - Visit www.getconnectederie.org to explore volunteer opportunities (78%)
 - Help local students explore careers by signing up and using www.careerstreeterie.org (17%)
 - I am not sure what to do next. I want to talk with someone about my interests (17%)

Miscellaneous:

- Erie Together held a poverty simulation on October 16 with 70 participants and 21 volunteers.
- Erie Together will be participating on a panel for statewide K-12 educators on December 7 in Hershey. The topic of the panel is K-12 business/industry outreach, and community and other partnership opportunities in the area of workforce preparedness.

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