



Erie Together Activity Update **November 2016**

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2016 Community Forum

Erie Together hosted its annual Community Forum on November 15, with approximately 360 in attendance. The event featured:

1. "2016 Year in Review" video which can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/8Q7Apoz3l8g>.
2. Outstanding Erie Together volunteer and mentor recognitions.
3. Panel discussion featuring the work of Erie Together, Emerge 2040, Unified Erie, Erie Refocused and the Community Health Improvement Plan to collectively impact the causes and consequences of poverty.
4. Audience polling on a series of questions.

Here is the link to the "Call to Action" distributed at the forum and afterward through an online survey: <http://bit.ly/2gCWdsJ>. Here are several links to media coverage:

1. Erie Times-News (ETN) article preceding the event: <http://bit.ly/2gSAg9J>
2. WJET TV24 Newsmaker segment: <http://bit.ly/2fNF8LA> (scroll to the **11/10** Newsmaker)
3. ETN article after the event: <http://bit.ly/2fzh68p>
4. ETN editorial following the event: <http://bit.ly/2gSKW8o>

Photos from the forum can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2gtQCCo>. You can also see the tweets posted by attendees by visiting www.twitter.com and searching for **#ETFORUM2016**.

Additional Erie Together Highlights

- At the next Erie Together Action Team meetings on December 13 & 14, the groups will consider their next significant set of priorities consistent with their overarching objectives: early childhood readiness and success (Action Team 1); preparing students for life after high school (Action Team 2); individual and family stability (Action Team 3); and helping individuals secure and maintain meaningful employment (Action Team 4). Click [here](#) for date, time and location.
- Erie Together has solidified a partnership with Emerge 2040, Unified Erie, Erie Refocused and the Community Health Improvement Plan to aggressively collaborate to improve the region. The group is slated to meet in mid-December to begin to set appropriate direction.
- Erie Together will be posting answers to audience questions to panelists that were not addressed at the 2016 Community Forum on its website at www.erietogether.org once the answers are prepared by the panel.

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

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