



ERIE COUNTY DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH (ECDMH)

National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. **#NCGM**

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing current projects and work the Department is involved in within our community.

- ❖ The **Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force** is a voluntary body created by an executive order issued by the County Executive in 2016 to address the increasing numbers of opiate deaths. Meetings occur quarterly and are open to the public. Current work involves expansion of harm reduction services, opening additional low threshold treatment options, community education and family support.

- ❖ The **Erie County Children's Mental Health** division has updated our website with the new **Office of Mental Health Single Point of Access Universal Referral**. There are instructions listed and links to instructional videos to provide assistance on how to complete the forms. Additionally, the site provides insight into the Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPOA) and contains an up to date **children's system of care services map**.
<https://www3.erie.gov/mentalhealth/single-point-access-children-spoa-childrens-intensive-services>

- ❖ The Erie County Department of Mental Health operates an **Adult Single Point of Access (SPOA) for Housing** that accepts referrals for all mental health residential programs in Erie County. The SPOA Housing staff works with the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Erie County Medical Center, homeless service providers, and the general community to facilitate transitions into supportive housing

for members of our community who are leaving institutional settings, homeless, or just need more support. These programs are in high demand - the **SPOA processed 1,935 referrals in 2022**. In addition, the housing staff collaborates with community providers to discern more efficient and effective ways for the housing system to serve the community, currently taking part in the evaluation process of the homeless coordinated entry system.

- ❖ The **Buffalo United Resiliency Center (BURC)** is a Buffalo based **community support organization in response to the May 14th, 2022 Tops tragedy**. The BURC provides victims, survivors, and responders with supportive spaces for gatherings and community healing. The BURC is a space where people can come to receive support, care, linkage to resources and partakes in activities and events. Supportive Gatherings & Meals, Healing Circles, Therapy Dog Thursday for C district BPD officers, Holiday Toy Drive, Remembrance Week, Wellness Programs and many more. Located at **1140 Jefferson Ave, Buffalo NY 14208 Suite A**.
- ❖ **Please feel free to stop in for services or call: 716-574-5087 for assistance.** [Buffalo United Resiliency Center | Buffalo NY | Facebook](#)
- ❖ **Service Link Stop (SLS)** located at **120 West Eagle Street, Buffalo, NY 14202**, is a judgement-free place for individuals to access programs and services that empower them to stabilize community involvement and live a healthy, successful life. The Service Link Stop (SLS) is a collaborative effort between community agencies/partners and Erie County for a **“one stop shop” reentry hub available to anyone in the community who needs linkage and support**. The SLS is

now partnered with over 60 local agencies/programs, some of whom have staffing onsite, and some are on call or referral basis to assist in the following areas: mental health, behavioral health, substance use, health screenings, health insurance, peer services, mentoring, employment, education, social security benefits, Medicaid/Medicare, outpatient treatment, SNAP/Food Stamps/Public Assistance, legal services, housing assistance. **The SLS has many resources and connections available- please stop by or reach out and we will support in any way we can.**

❖ **SLS Hours are:**

**Monday and Friday 9am-3pm and
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9am-6pm.**



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