



Empowering, Collaborating  
and Healing as a Community

# *System of Care Erie*

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A photograph of a small, green succulent plant in a dark, cylindrical pot. The pot sits on a light-colored wooden surface. In the foreground, an open book with aged, yellowed pages is partially visible. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a calm and studious atmosphere.

# Objectives

- Trauma Informed Systems
- Overcoming barriers to SOC implementation
- Explore partnerships with faith communities
- Address ongoing mental health issues and needs



# *Meet the Team*

- **Nicole Wells, MS - Project Director**
- **Tracy Palazzotto - Lead Family Contact**
- **Ronazjha Beason - Youth Task Lead**
- **Lyxi Adamszek - Youth Task Lead**
- **Melissa Bible - Program Specialist**



# CRITICAL CHALLENGES

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## GOALS

- To maintain and enhance the infrastructure for a System of Care,
- To provide a continuum of treatment and support services for youth with complex behavioral health problems and multi-system involvement,
- To create trauma informed systems,
- To establish a system of identification, treatment, and support for individuals experiencing early onset of serious mental illness, and
- To establish and sustain System of Care as the way in which behavioral health services for children and youth with severe emotional disturbance are delivered throughout the counties.



# TARGET POPULATION

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- Youth up to age 21
- Transition age youth
- Young adults with early onset of serious mental illness
- At risk youth

# HOW DO WE DO IT?

TRAINING & WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT

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SOCIAL MARKETING

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DIVERSITY & CLC

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EVALUATION & POLICY PLANNING

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# PARTNERSHIPS



#gamechangers

# OUR INITIATIVES:

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PEER-FACILITATED SUPPORT  
GROUPS

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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the well-being of our society.



# *Family Initiative*

## ERIE FAMILY CENTER

Our Mission is to Educate, Empower and Inform caregivers of children with mental health, behavioral or emotional challenges.



# Erie Coalition for Trauma Informed Community



## RAISE GENERAL AWARENESS

Launched a Countywide Trauma Awareness Campaign



## TI EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Offer trainings to faith based organizations, schools, providers, concerned community members



## DEVELOP SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

Embed TI practices and policies



## PARTNERSHIPS

Providers, faith based organizations, schools, community members, and universities

# Leveraging the Faith Based Communities



- Diversity Work Group
- Relationships & Trust



- Faith-Government
- Human Capital





# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



# Measuring Success



Increased number of caregivers  
trained and serving in a  
leadership role



Increased number of youth and  
young adults trained and serving  
in a leadership role



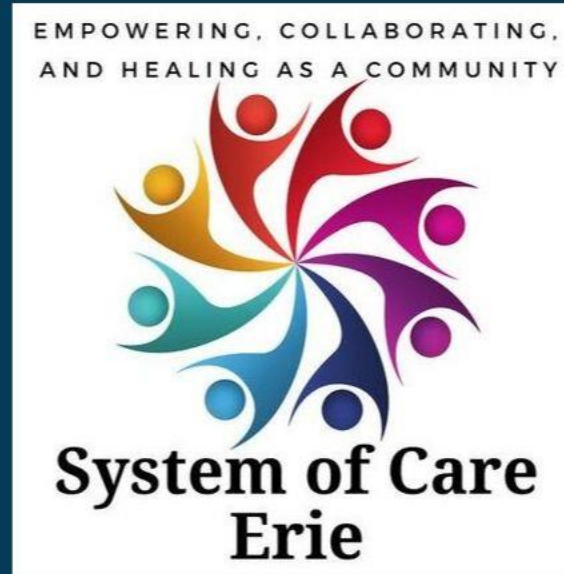
Increased workforce capacity and  
training to meet the diverse needs  
of populations served



Increased number of Peer  
Support Partners



Increased community partnerships  
and stakeholder buy in



*Questions? Comments*

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