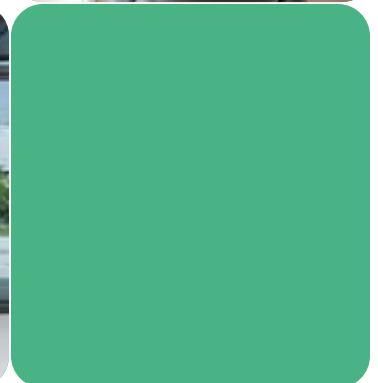
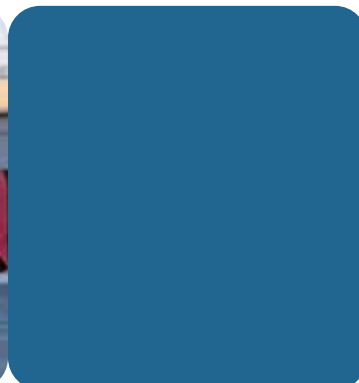


# 2020 Annual Report





# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Thank you for your interest in Live Well Erie—Erie County's comprehensive vision to ensure NO ONE gets left behind.

As you likely know, Live Well Erie (LWE) was launched in September 2019 and was just getting started when our community found itself, like others all over the world, in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Naturally, Erie County mounted a robust response to the pandemic and thankfully LWE was at the center, ensuring that the social determinates of health and racial equity were always considered as part of Erie County's COVID response.

In the following pages, LWE's co-chairs and Work Groups report on the good work that was done in 2020, partly as a response to the pandemic but also in spite of the pandemic. This report is part of our commitment to annual data analysis and transparency as we believe, we cannot improve what we do not measure.

Thank you again for your interest in LWE. For more information we urge you to visit [www.livewellerie.com](http://www.livewellerie.com) and to join LWE as a partner if you have not done so already. Working together is the only way we can ensure everyone has the chance to fulfill their greatest potential and truly LIVE WELL.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive



In September 2019 we officially announced our plans. It only took a few months before we shifted to a robust response to a global pandemic, but it is important for us to confirm our commitment to the mission of Live Well Erie: we will create a community where “no one gets left behind.” We are, therefore, providing this report as a summary of what we have done in 2020, and just as importantly – the work left to do.

If anything, the impacts of a global pandemic and a broader understanding of racial injustice have made our work more important than ever. How we live up to our mission may have changed; we have shifted our tactics but the goals and principles we announced in 2019 are even more focused and crucial.

One of our five guiding principles is a commitment to racial equity and diversity. We announced, embraced and lived up to this commitment before the tragic events around racial injustice energized the entire country and we have maintained this focus throughout. Every meeting we lead, every effort we undertake and everything we do reflects our commitment to this crucial principle and it will continue to be front and center for Live Well Erie. We know that a rising tide does not lift all boats, so our focus and priority will continue to focus on individuals and communities who face the greatest inequities.

Other guiding principles require us to be transparent and accountable, and that we use data to gauge our effectiveness or to course correct if necessary. Therefore, to honor that commitment we share the following that shows our original goals, objectives and measures together with an update on if and how the needles have moved.

We stress that this document is forward looking, and that while the short-term priorities changed, we remain committed to satisfying the goals we established in 2019. We will continue to share an annual report to hold ourselves accountable, but we would be remiss if we did not also share some of the successful work we have completed with our partners in the context of a robust COVID-19 response on the following pages.

If you share our commitment to this community, and you have any desire to help, we can find a way to use your talents to help improve the lives of all residents in Erie County. Find us and join us here: <https://www2.erie.gov/livewellerie/>

If there are specific topics that interest you, or specific abilities or gifts you can share, please tell us and we'll find a way to engage you in a meaningful, impactful and rewarding way. If you have any questions contact us through the website or reach out individually.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Cannon".

Marie Cannon, Commissioner  
Erie County Department of Social Services  
Co-Chair, Live Well Erie

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Craik".

John D. Craik, Executive Director  
Population Health Collaborative  
Co-Chair, Live Well Erie

# Live Well Erie - Responding to a Global Pandemic

**Maria Whyte**, Deputy County Executive

Like most communities all over the world, Erie County was ravaged by COVID 19, with people of color disproportionately more likely to contract the virus and more likely to experience the worst outcomes (see LWE COVID-19 Statement: [www.livewellerie.com](http://www.livewellerie.com)). But because of the Live Well Erie framework, Erie County was ready to support those most in need when the Federal government provided State and local governments with the necessary resources to respond to the pandemic.

Massive cash resources provided to Erie County through Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds were divided into five buckets of direct support. These buckets included:

- \$15 million to support school districts
- \$25 million to support the childcare system
- \$20 million to support small businesses
- \$10 million to support tenants and homeowners
- \$8 million to support municipalities

In each instance, Live Well Erie's guiding principles helped to ensure resources were used to support those disproportionately harmed by the virus, as well as stabilize the social determinants of health in communities and zip codes hardest hit. For example, the aid to school districts included \$100 per student with an extra \$50 per student for those students eligible for a free or reduced lunch. Childcare centers accepting children whose families were eligible for DSS subsidy dollars also received additional aid. Women and minority business owners, as well as business owners in highly distressed zip codes and those in the hardest hit industries were prioritized in the distribution of small



business grants. Finally, housing, a key social determinant of health, was further stabilized with direct cash assistance to both renters and home owners unable to make rent or mortgage payments.

Additionally, Erie County used Coronavirus Relief Funds to partner with the African American Health Equity Task Force on broad-scale community outreach efforts to educate residents about COVID-19, inform them of COVID testing sites, evaluate any housing or food security issues and mental health needs, as well as perform general wellness checks. In these critically important ways, Erie County used our Live Well Erie framework as the foundation for funding decisions and as a way to ensure the pandemic leaves NO ONE behind.



## Work Group Reports

Live Well Erie has an organizational structure of Work Groups that partner with community stakeholders to make sure no one is left behind in the new Erie County. Each of the Work Groups is co-chaired by a county leader and a community leader with subject matter expertise, and they are focused on one of our three priority populations: Working Families, Children and Older Adults.

Summaries of each Work Group's efforts follow, together with a list of their specific goals. We have included charts with data that we track. In most cases the most recently available data covers time periods prior to the Live Well Erie launch. We will continue to be transparent and report our community progress where we see it and course correct where objective data tell us that we need to do better.

We have also included appendices - Appendix A lists the hundreds of organizations and partners who have been so generous with their time and expertise and Appendix B is a one-page data snapshot that captures a summary of our goals and indicators.

# Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed

## Co-Chairs:

**Jacqueline Hall**, Executive Director of Social Services  
Family Independence

**Aimee Neri, LMSW**, 8th Judicial District Coordinator,  
NYS Court Improvement Project

## By the Numbers – Goals and Data:

The “**Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed**” (“Children’s”) Work Group goals revolve around improving children’s lives as determined by safety, security, health and educational proficiency. Since Live Well Erie was first announced in late 2019, just months before the global pandemic, it is too early to determine how successful our efforts have been. We will, however, continue to track and report these data to be accountable and transparent for years to come.

## Summary:

The Children’s Work Group has established a Theory of Change framework that incorporates a collective impact approach and results-based accountability management model. The Children’s Work Group focuses on improving the health and well-being of Erie County youth who are in or at risk of falling into poverty. One of the Children’s Work Group priorities is for all children to get the chance they truly deserve, to grow up in a stable, safe and supportive community environment. Safety and stability, along with social and emotional support structures, are instrumental in a child’s ability to perform in school and fulfill his or her true potential. The second Children’s Work Group priority is to ensure that children are healthy and well. The best way for children to become healthy adults is to maintain health and wellness throughout childhood and adolescence. Finally, many areas of life contribute to helping children achieve their greatest potential. The basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter must be met.



Children must also grow up in safe, stable, and supportive communities free from abuse, maltreatment, and violent crime.

We had the opportunity to run a grants program, and in alignment with the Live Well Erie effort, grant proposals were solicited. The following organizations received Live Well Erie funding to further strengthen the goals and indicators of the Children’s Work Group. These projects increased the collective understanding of children’s issues and funding ranged from \$25,000-\$250,000.

- **Homespace** - Mommy & Me Van, Driver, and Aide
- **Karen Society** - Van Purchase, Staff Capacity (PT Program Coordinator, PT Driver, PT Youth Worker), & Program Operating Funds
- **Boys & Girls Club of Northtowns** - Kitchen Relocation & Renovation
- **Peace of the City** - Capacity Building via Operations Manager, Employment Mentor, Finance Manager, and Literacy Supervisor
- **Say Yes** - Internship & Career Pathways Program
- **WNY Women’s Foundation** - Marketing Campaign to Raise Awareness of ECDSS Day Care Assistance Program

As was often the case in 2020, our efforts shifted to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lives of children were particularly impacted. In addition to distributing approximately \$40 million to school districts and the childcare ecosystem, our Work Group led specific initiatives to help children thrive.

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, every school district in Erie County prepared a virtual learning model for their students as required by NYS Department of Education due to the COVID pandemic.



These models include 100% virtual learning and hybrid learning with both in person and virtual instruction. As a result of the new learning model, Erie County issued a grant opportunity to school districts and/or their designee(s) to partner with child care and after school care providers in their respective school districts in the creation of virtual learning support centers (VLSC) that aimed to provide the care and supervision to children, between the ages of 5 and 12, during the hours which they were required to participate in synchronous and asynchronous virtual instruction or would be in attendance at school.

The creation of the Phase I Virtual Learning Support Centers (VLSC) began October 5th and continued until December 31st 2020. Phase II of the VLSC ran from February 1st and continued until March 5th 2021. On days when children were expected to participate in virtual learning, working parents throughout the county were grappling with how to support their children's education, while also physically reporting to work. Thus, virtual learning support centers were needed to support the education of school-aged children while parents were working. VLSC's supported 3174 children during their synchronous and asynchronous virtual instruction in over 80 locations throughout Erie County. The Virtual Learning Support Centers were unique in New York State received a National Award from NACo (National Association of Counties).

Building a movement and establishing meaningful community partnerships in the midst of a pandemic through strictly virtual means poses challenges. With over 80 partners, the Children's Work Group maintains an active level of participation of the members which demonstrates their passion and commitment to advancing the Live Well Erie goals. We will continue to provide support for the group to imagine meaningful strategies and activities to effectuate collective change.

In building the movement, it was important to capture the voices of the partners through survey questions that supported the work of Live Well Erie Children's Work Group. The question focused on themes related to the following:

1. Describe how you believe LWE Children's Work Group has supported children and families throughout Erie County?
2. How has your participation in the LWE Children's Work Group affected your organization's individual work with/service to/commitment to Erie County children?
3. Explain your role or involvement with the LWE Children's Work Group.
4. What additional thoughts or comments can you share regarding LWE or LWE's Children's Work Group?

Many of the partner responses received highlighted a variety of independent reflections on the work conducted by the LWE Children's Work Group.

***"Through the efforts of LWE Committee(s) we have the opportunity to work together, to share resources and information. With hopeful intent, to bring meaningful change to the community and the Children of WNY."***

***"We have continued our commitment while broadening our knowledge and involvement in additional areas of service. We have begun to use the racial equity lens in our examination of programs/materials/recruitment strategies, etc. It has strengthened our community partnerships."***

***"We would appreciate a continued platform for networking and for children and family-serving agencies to put out their specific "asks". It's important for all of us to know what everyone else is doing and how we can collaborate. Glad to have been a part of it!!"***



## Plans for 2021:

As it has been for everyone, 2020 was a challenging year for the Children’s Work Group. We are, however, pleased that we were able to pivot and make a real difference in people’s lives in the midst of a global pandemic. For 2021 we plan to shift back and focus on the original goals and objectives for Live Well Erie, and some of the early foundational work will continue as we focus on a variety of tasks and frameworks that will inform and drive our work:

- Draft Logic Models
- Results Based Accountability
- Collective Impact Approach
- Theory of Change
- Establish Evaluation Metrics
- Racial Equity Discussions



## Empower Working Families

### Co-Chairs:

**Karen L. King, PhD**, Commissioner of Public Advocacy & Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women

**Julie Barrett-O’Neill**, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

### *By the Numbers – Goals and Data:*

The “Empower Working Families” Work Group goals revolve around improving the lives of families as determined by affordable housing, financial security and childcare access. Since Live Well Erie was first announced in late 2019, just months before the global pandemic, it is too early to determine how successful our efforts have been. We will, however, continue to track and report these data to be accountable and transparent for years to come.



## Summary:

The Working Families Work Group hit the ground running in the fall of 2019. We began the process of asset mapping to identify where points of collaboration existed within the many community partners participating in our Work Group relative to the 16 proposed community strategies developed for the Working Families component of LWE. In addition to the asset mapping process, we developed four subcommittees: Policy, Education/Awareness, Programmatic and Research that would focus on childcare, housing, transportation, workforce development and asset building.

In March 2020, as COVID-19 ravaged the world, our LWE community needed to stop the ongoing asset mapping work and pivot to frontline response Work Groups. Many members of our Work Group quickly shifted our focus to work on key Erie County Emergency Taskforces including our Childcare and Housing Taskforces. These emergency LWE taskforces were convened with the explicit intention of problem solving the most pressing issues our community was facing. Our original LWE Working Families Work Group continued to meet throughout 2020 with less frequency as much of our energy was focused on COVID related issues. The LWE Emergency Childcare Taskforce and the LWE Emergency Housing Taskforce were tasked with addressing COVID related needs and delivering resources to our community. Members of our LWE Working Families Work Group joined these taskforces and much of the work they led has been described above.

We had a set of specific measures and objectives related to how we would meet those goals based on pre-COVID baselines and we will continue to monitor and report on these outcomes.



### ***Goal: Families in Erie County will have safe, affordable housing.***

Our LWE Emergency Housing Taskforce began meeting in March of 2020 to address the impact of COVID on housing stability and homelessness.

The taskforce was immediately able to pivot to address the immediate crisis of serving about 300 persons a day in need of emergency shelter. The county was under a state of emergency, COVID cases were rising and some of the long-standing shelters and homeless services reduced their capacity while others closed due to loss of staff. It was the great partnership with the city of Buffalo, Restoration Society, Erie County Department of Social Services, Erie County Department of Emergency Services, Erie Community College and Erie County Sheriff Department to orchestrate the opening of two pop up emergency shelters. The pop-up shelters along with emergency placements by the Department of Social Services were able to meet the need.

The next cascading consequence of the COVID pandemic was the impending onslaught of evictions due to the fiscal impact. County Executive Poloncarz appropriated \$10 million to provide temporary relief to Erie County residents unable to pay their rent or mortgage due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The partners included the city of Buffalo, Buffalo Urban League, Restoration Society, Catholic Charities, 211, the Health Equity Taskforce and HAWNY. The program provided assistance to 2,009 Erie County renters and homeowners.

The LWE taskforce was awarded a \$30,000.00 planning grant to develop a framework to address the myriad of housing challenges. Our communications subcommittee created a comprehensive Housing Resource Guide that was distributed throughout Erie County. The resource guide included information on access to affordable housing, legal services

and the LWE & City of Buffalo CARES Act Rental & Mortgage Assistance program. Our advocacy subcommittee continues to monitor tenant rights including the gathering of court data on evictions.

### ***Goal: Families in Erie County will have greater financial security.***

In addition to the asset mapping work, we began to create timetables for each of the community strategies, e.g., Strategy **2.5: Establish an Erie County Live Well Services Van to better connect residents throughout the county to county services**; this community strategy was being developed and nearly completed in late 2019. Other strategies, e.g., **2.3: Explore strategies to grow the number of employers in Erie County offering paid sick leave to their low and moderate income employees**, would require more time to develop and implement. This work continued through 2020.

Toward the end of 2020 we began another pivot to access the relevancy of our original, pre-COVID 19 community strategies in relation to our current COVID impacted realities.



### ***Goal: Families in Erie County will have access to quality, affordable childcare.***

Our LWE Childcare taskforce began meeting in March of 2020 and quickly mobilized key community partners including: childcare providers, educators, government, foundations and parents to create and implement strategies to address childcare as a community challenge. Our communications subcommittee created a childcare resource toolkit for providers, and families. We created a messaging campaign with information about available childcare resources for our frontline workers and the larger community. We utilized television, radio and social media platforms to communicate vital information



about resources including the Virtual Learning Service Centers (VLSC) for the entire community. Members of our advocacy subcommittee worked on the local, state and federal level to advocate for needed resources and funding for families and childcare providers.

## Plans for 2021

We will remain vigilant in addressing racial and economic inequities that were highlighted and exacerbated by COVID. All of our LWE Working Families' strategies were developed utilizing the Racial Equity Impact Analysis tool. This process will continue to inform our work as we reimagine our 16 community strategies. To better meet the challenges our Work Group faces we have created four new reformulated subcommittees that are focusing on the following:

- Workforce Development and Asset Building
- Housing
- Mobility
- Accessible and affordable quality childcare



## Supporting Our Seniors

### Co-Chairs:

**David Shenk**, Director,  
Erie County Office for Senior Services & Veterans Services

**Karen Nicolson**, Executive Director,  
Center for Elder Law and Justice

### By the Numbers – Goals and Data:

The “**Supporting our Seniors**” Work Group goals revolve around improving seniors’ lives as determined by social connectedness, community accessibility and financial security. Since Live Well Erie was first announced in late 2019, just months before the global pandemic, it is too early to determine how success-



ful our efforts have been. We will, however, continue to track and report these data to be accountable and transparent for years to come.

## Summary:

The Seniors Work Group consists of 89 members from 62 organizations. Since we are a larger committee we decided early on that the best way to move our agenda forward and meet our goals was to split into four subcommittees: Mental Health, Nutrition, Transportation and Financial Security. Each subcommittee meets separate from and in addition to, the Work Group.

The Work Group meetings are dedicated to report outs, sharing of information and member internal trainings being offered to committee members. Starting in the fall of 2020 trainings became a regular part of the agenda; training included: **The Rules Regarding Visitation in Nursing Homes due to COVID-19** and **How to Keep Your Staff and Clients Safe During COVID-19**.

While COVID-19 did not change the overall goals we pursued, we did find the need to pivot and adapt some new strategies to adopt to the challenges the pandemic presented to older adults.

### **Goal: Older adults will be able to maintain an active and stimulating social life as they age.**

The isolation, loneliness and fear resulting from the COVID pandemic, quickly made this goal our main area of focus through 2020. It was discussed at every full Work Group meeting, and both the mental health and the nutrition subcommittees are doing significant work to meet these challenges. The mental health subcommittee concentrated on the strategies to reduce isolation and loneliness in safe ways including:

- They distributed more than 2,000 copies of Reducing Social Isolation brochures and 211 cards.

- One of our partners, Jewish Family Services developed a weekly Virtual Support group for older adults who can participate either by calling in or virtually.
- Another partner, Compeer started a phone buddies program.
- Compeer also began developing a How-To Guide for older adults to access and set up digital services/accounts (i.e. e-mail addresses, zoom accounts, online prescriptions, food delivery etc.).
- We have explored low-cost internet options available in the local area (Lifeline, Spectrum, grant programs).
- To help Combat Social Isolation a Webpage was created - [www.erie.gov/csi/](http://www.erie.gov/csi/) This site is packed with activities, lessons, and numerous engaging opportunities to help seniors combat isolation while at home. Content includes multiple resources in the following areas: crafts, driving/cars, education, entertainment, gardening, history, local attractions, military/service, music, online volunteering, parks and recreation, sports and more.



The Nutrition Subcommittee was unable to utilize the original identified strategy of providing dinner at Senior Centers, due to their closure during the pandemic. However, they were able to quickly shift to the new reality and ensure that older adults in Erie County received nutritional meals and social interaction:

- They created the Frozen Meals Drive Thru Program for older adults 60+ which provides a safe, contactless system for meal distribution. The program is in 39 locations and now serves over 2,000 meals per week.
- A new system also was created for a brief “well check” opportunity for site directors to assess participant’s needs.

- They also provided monthly free nutrition counseling and education materials.



## ***Goal - Erie County will be accessible to people of all ages.***

The Transportation subcommittee worked exclusively on this goal. The main strategies to meet the goal of accessibility is the Complete Streets and Go Bikes Initiatives.

The Complete Streets Initiative plans roadways which are designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe access for users of all ages and abilities. Each Complete Street is unique, but common elements include: sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops and shelters, frequent and safe designated crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions and ramps, narrower travel lanes, traffic calming measures, and more.

- Erie County is currently identifying ways to update their 2008 legislation, which includes Complete Street strategies to provide guidance and structure to reach the goals of the County’s initiatives.
- The GOBike initiative focus has been to seek grant funding to launch a pilot project in 2021. The subcommittee has been working with local community groups to gauge need and community response.





## ***Goal: Older Adults will be able to maintain financial security throughout their lives.***

The Financial Security Subcommittee worked exclusively on this goal this year. The subcommittee has been able to utilize most of the strategies set out in the initial Live Well Erie planning documents.

- They created a survey and researched existing services and resources to coordinate educational webinars/sessions regarding Medicaid and Medicare 101.
- They have done research on Home Share Models and they created a Home Share Toolkit.

## **Plans for 2021**

- The Mental Health Subcommittee plans to work on reducing the stigma associated with accessing mental health services in the older adult population. Mental health services have been identified as an increased need during the pandemic, especially in the older adult population. Working with the Erie County Anti-Stigma Coalition, they plan to develop a hard copy Mental Health resource guide focusing on services for older adults including new services developed to address needs that have emerged during COVID. They will also provide education and training around the prevalence of mental health issues and the positive results of reaching out for assistance.
- The Nutrition Subcommittee plans to work on continuing to fully reopen the Stay-Fit Congregate Dining Centers. They will continue the dietary, nutrition and education programs developed to respond to the COVID crisis, even once congregate dining is back to full capacity.

- The Transportation Subcommittee plans to partner with the NFTA to provide rides to eligible older adults with Erie County paying the fares. Additionally, they hope to convince the NFTA paratransit to be available at the same hours and schedules as the main busses, running in some locations until 1:00am. This would allow more flexibility for older adults, increase the capacity with the County van and be an economical use of transportation funds.
- The Financial Security Subcommittee will distribute a survey to Older Adults and develop plans that respond to stated needs. They will distribute the Home Share toolkit to our stakeholder partners who will help inform our work plans. Finally, they will start their virtual education sessions.

## **Conclusion:**

Since the 2019 launch, it's clear Live Well Erie has been very busy. It's also clear that the COVID-19 global pandemic made a focus on the social determinants of health, like housing and food security, quality child care, and financial stability more important than ever. Live Well Erie is here to help. In 2021, even while the pandemic continues, we will remain committed to ensuring no one in Erie County gets left behind and everyone has the opportunity to live well.



# APPENDIX A - Work Group Partners

## Every Child Deserves a Chance to Succeed 211WNY

American Heart Association of WNY  
 Best Self Western New York - Child Advocacy Center  
 BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York  
 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
 Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network  
 Buffalo String Works  
 Buffalo Urban League  
 Catholic Charities  
 Child & Family Services  
 Child Care Resource Network  
 City of Buffalo  
 Community Action Organization of WNY  
 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
 Compass House  
 Compeer  
 Crisis Services  
 Erie County Department of Environment and Planning  
 Erie County Department of Health  
 Erie County Department of Purchasing  
 Erie County Department of Senior Services  
 Erie County Medical Campus  
 Envision Wellness  
 Erie 1 BOCES  
 Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc  
 Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and  
 Substance Abuse  
 FeedMore WNY  
 Front Seat Life  
 Gateway-Longview  
 Health Foundation for Western and Central New York  
 Healthful Living  
 Healthy Community Alliance  
 Help Me Grow Western New York  
 Homeless Alliance of Western New York  
 Homespace Corporation  
 Inclusive Theatre of Western New York  
 Independent Nursing Care, LLC  
 International Institute of Buffalo  
 Jewish Family Services  
 John R. Oishei Children's Hospital  
 Justice Bus Initiative  
 Kaleida Health/Children's Hospital/UBMD)  
 Karen Society of Buffalo  
 Learning Disabilities Association of WNY  
 Metro Community Development Corp. (Delavan Grider  
 Community Center)  
 NYS Courts  
 John R. Oishei Foundation  
 Open Buffalo  
 Parent Network WNY  
 Peace of the City  
 People Against Trafficking Humans - PATH  
 Population Health Collaborative  
 Read to Succeed  
 Say Yes to Education Buffalo  
 Seneca-Babcock Community Association, Inc.  
 Temple Beth Zion  
 The Belle Center  
 The Foundry Buffalo  
 The Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care  
 The Trading Post  
 UB/MD  
 UB School of Public Health and Health Professions  
 United Way of Buffalo and Erie County  
 Univera Healthcare  
 West Side Community Services  
 WNY Independent Living, INC  
 WNY Women's Foundation  
 YMCA Buffalo Niagara  
 Envision Wellness

## Empower Working Families 1199 SEIU 211WNY

American Diabetes Association  
 American Heart Association  
 Belmont Housing Resources for WNY  
 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
 Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium  
 Buffalo Niagara Manufacturers Alliance  
 Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
 Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network  
 Buffalo Urban League  
 Buffalo  
 Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation  
 Cancer Care of WNY  
 Catholic Charities  
 Child & Family Services  
 Child Care Resource Network  
 Community Action Organization of WNY  
 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo\*  
 Compeer  
 Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo  
 Crisis Services  
 CWA 1133  
 CWA- District 1  
 EC DISS  
 Envision Wellness  
 Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc  
 Erie County - Environment and Planning  
 Erie County Medical Center  
 Erie County Office for the Disabled  
 Erie County Office of Mental Health  
 Erie County Office of Senior Services  
 Erie County Parks Department  
 Erie County Personnel Office  
 Erie County Probation Office  
 Erie County Purchasing Office  
 FB Community Land Trust  
 Feedmore WNY  
 Fidelis Care  
 Front Seat Life  
 Grassroots Gardens WNY  
 Healthful Living  
 Healthy Community Alliance  
 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York  
 Homeless Alliance of WNY  
 Homespace Corporation  
 Inclusive Theatre of Western New York  
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 Community Center  
 NAACP Buffalo Branch  
 Near East and West Side Task Force  
 Neighborhood Legal Services  
 Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.  
 Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority - NFTA- Metro  
 Northland Training Center  
 Olmstead Center for Sight  
 Open Buffalo  
 Partnership for the Public Good  
 PATH Enrichment Center  
 Peace of the City  
 Population Health Collaborative  
 Rural Outreach Center  
 Say Yes to Education Buffalo  
 SEIU  
 Seneca-Babcock Community Association  
 Start with Sleep  
 SUNY Erie  
 Temple Beth Zion  
 The Foundry Buffalo  
 The Trading Post  
 UB Community Justice Clinic  
 United Way  
 Univera Healthcare  
 University at Buffalo  
 University at Buffalo School of Law  
 Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo  
 West Side Community Services  
 Western New York Area Labor Federation/ New York State  
 AFL-CIO  
 Western New York Independent Living  
 YMCA Buffalo Niagara

## Supporting Our Seniors 211WNY

Aging with Purpose  
 American Diabetes Association  
 American Heart Association  
 Amherst Senior Center  
 Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development  
 Consortium, Inc.  
 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
 Buffalo Urban League  
 Cancer Care of WNY  
 Catholic Charities  
 Center for Elder Law and Justice  
 Child & Family Services  
 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
 Compeer  
 Crisis Services  
 D'Youville College Department of Occupational Therapy  
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 Erie County Department of Health  
 Erie County Department of Environment Planning  
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 Temple Beth Zion  
 The Foundry Buffalo  
 Tivity Health- Silver Sneakers  
 Town of Aurora Senior Center  
 UB Center for Successful Aging, School of Medicine  
 UB Center of Excellence  
 UB Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease: UB  
 School of Medicine  
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# APPENDIX B - Live Well Erie Data Snapshot - May 2021

Live Well Erie (LWE) launched in September 2019 and the baseline data below was the most current available at that time. Because there is often a significant lag in data availability, many of the 2021 updates are for time periods prior to the launch of LWE. While there are only a few indicators with data for periods after the LWE launch, this can help us better understand what is happening in our community. Change indicates changes in indicators that have occurred **after** the LWE launch.



Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed						
Goal 1: Children will grow up in a stable, safe and supportive community						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Children in Indicated Reports of Abuse & Maltreatment	↓	25.1/1,000 children	25.2/1,000 children	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
Firearm related index crimes, general population crimes	↓	10.1/10,000 population	10.3/10,000 population	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
Goal 2: Children will achieve comprehensive health						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Students Overweight or Obese	↓	33%	Not available	⊖	Data not available for update	
Incidence of Preterm Birth	↓	10%	Not available	⊖	Data not available for update	
Goal 3: Children will realize their greatest potential						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Grade 3 ELA Proficiency	↓	48%	47%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
Grade 8 ELA Proficiency	↓	40%	40%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
Grade 3 Math Proficiency	↓	51%	48%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
Grade 8 Math Proficiency	↓	22%	28%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
High School Dropout Rate	↓	7.1%	5.4%	↓		
Empower Working Families						
Goal 1: Families in Erie County will have safe, affordable housing						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Families in Erie County who are considered housing cost burdened by income**	Below \$20,000	↓	86.6%	86.3%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE. Over the past decade the % of housing cost burdened families is increasing for those with incomes under \$50,000
	\$20,000-\$34,999	↓	60.9%	60.5%	⊖	
	\$35,000-\$49,999	↓	26.3%	27.5%	⊖	
	\$50,000-\$74,999	↓	11.9%	11.4%	⊖	
	\$75,000+	↓	1.9%	2.4%	⊖	
Erie County Residents that are discriminated against when seeking housing	↓	2018: 213 2019: 229	2020: 205	↓	Need to examine impact of COVID and eviction moratorium on this indicator	
New cases of elevated blood lead levels	↓	187	Not available	⊖	Data not available for update	
Goal 2: Families in Erie County will have greater financial security						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Households in Erie County living at the ALICE level	↓	27.49%	Not available	⊖	Data not available for update	
Goal 3: Families in Erie County will have access to quality, affordable childcare						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Capacity of Childcare Programs***	↓	17,601	29,146	↓	Increased capacity 66% from 2018 to 2021	
Supporting Our Seniors						
Goal 1: Older Adults will be able to maintain an active and stimulating social life as they age						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Percent 65 and over with an independent living difficulty	↓	2017: 13.7% 2018: 13.4%	2019: 12.6%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
65 + living in same residence for one year or more****	↓	89.4%	90.5%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	
Goal 2: Erie County will be accessible to people of all ages						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
Miles of Complete Streets in Erie County	↓	TBD	TBD	⊖		
Number of facilities with Universal Design goals	↓	TBD	TBD	⊖		
Goal 3: Older adults will be able to maintain financial security throughout their lives						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
65+ at or above 125% of the poverty level****	↓	86.9%	87.6%	⊖	Latest data available pre LWE	

\*Erie County Baseline data was the most current data as on June 2019.

\*\*Revised how this data is presented to show housing cost burden by income group.

\*\*\*These figures include capacity for Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age in a Day Care setting.

\*\*\*\*Adjusted data to population 65+ and how presented to match how data is shown in Census.gov reports.