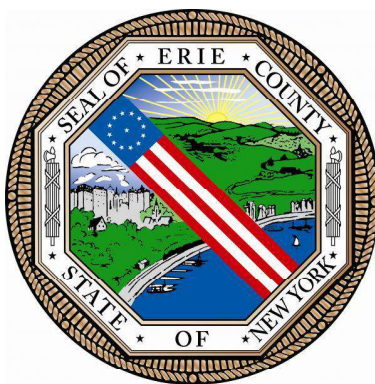


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101 Ways Erie County Government Serves its Residents and Strengthens our Community



Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz

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Parks

1. Maintains a system of nine county parks, four natural habitat areas and 3,500 acres of county forest land
2. Provides year-round recreation for county residents
3. Operates two golf courses and two beaches
4. Hosts festivals and events for people of all ages
5. Protects regionally important areas of scenic, environmental and cultural significance



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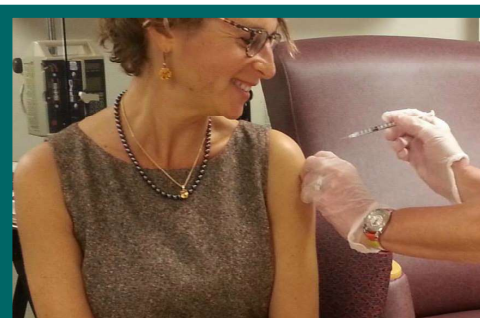
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Health

6. Provides free testing for sexually transmitted diseases
7. Tests for lead in old homes and provides services for children with lead poisoning
8. Conducts health inspections of restaurants, swimming pools, summer camps, beaches and other recreational venues
9. Monitors and controls insect-borne diseases through the vector control program
10. Provides free rabies clinics and sends specimens for rabies testing



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Commission on the Status of Women

11. Collaborates with community organizations to maximize services for women and girls
12. Publishes data on women and girls to target need for education, policy recommendations and services
13. Runs board of community stakeholders
14. Creating a Domestic Violence Tribute Garden in Isleview Park
15. Sponsors an annual Pay Equity Event to raise awareness



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Public Works

- 16. Maintains over a thousand miles of roadways and hundreds of bridges and culverts
- 17. Executes major capital projects every year
- 18. Manages all county-owned buildings and grounds
- 19. Regulates all commercial weighing and measuring devices, including gas and fuel pumps and meters in the county
- 20. Maintains county-owned fleet of vehicles



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Real Property Tax Services

- 21. Collects real property taxes for 269,773 parcels in Erie County
- 22. Maintains current real property tax maps and data
- 23. Conducts annual in-rem property sales
- 24. Monitors PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreements through the local ECIDA
- 25. Works with municipalities across the county to keep tax assessments current



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Senior Services

- 26. Engages, provides programming and advocates for adults over 60 especially low income, minority and disabled elderly persons
- 27. Provides resources and programming for caregivers
- 28. Offers fitness classes and nutrition programs to keep seniors fit, active and healthy
- 29. Coordinates the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- 30. Provides transportation for seniors through the "Going Places" van service



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Emergency Services

- 31. Supports and trains Erie County's 97 fire departments
- 32. Manages emergency operations during county-wide disasters
- 33. Maintains a county-wide radio system and dispatches all ambulance services in Erie County
- 34. Trains all ambulance crews, EMTs and paramedics
- 35. Manages Local Emergency Planning Committee to coordinate services and personnel for future disasters



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Environment & Planning

- 36. Manages county-wide agricultural plan
- 37. Maintains sewers and wastewater treatment
- 38. Curates the process of funding local arts and cultural groups
- 39. Coordinates regional planning and economic development with other local governments and agencies
- 40. Funds community planning and housing projects and provides funding for small business loans and start-ups



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Medicaid Inspector General

- 41. Roots out waste, fraud and abuse of \$1 billion in Medicaid funding in Erie County
- 42. Actively investigates and audits Medicaid providers
- 43. Produces reports regarding Medicaid usage in Erie County
- 44. Maintains confidential tip line for reporting waste, fraud or abuse
- 45. Works closely with NYS Medicaid Inspector General's Office



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Probation

- 46. Provides probation services to all Erie County courts
- 47. Manages cases for nearly 10,000 adults and juveniles
- 48. Operates an Alternatives to Incarceration Program
- 49. Coordinates with social workers to supervise incarcerated defendants on release
- 50. Maintains a community service program for juveniles on probation



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Office for the Disabled

51. Provides advocacy for people with any disability in order to ensure equal access to county services
52. Collaborates with disability community organizations on awareness events, career fairs and job mentoring days
53. Publishes a Guide to Services of resources for people with disabilities
54. Provides guidance on Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility issues to residents and municipalities
55. Helps local residents with applications to services



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Social Services

- 56. Investigates allegations of abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults
- 57. Supports and assists foster parents and places children in foster care
- 58. Administers assistance programs, including HEAP, SNAP, child care assistance and Medicaid
- 59. Assists domestic violence victims, homeless individuals, juvenile defenders and those struggling with substance abuse
- 60. Coordinates funding for youth programming



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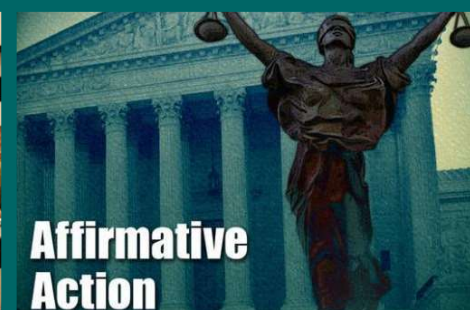
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Equal Employment Opportunity Office

- 61. Administers and monitors affirmative action programs for county government
- 62. Investigates harassment complaints
- 63. Audits county contracts for participation of minority- and women-owned businesses
- 64. Monitors county hiring procedures to ensure compliance with affirmative action laws
- 65. Provides resources to minority- and women-owned businesses



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Library

- 66. Provides residents and visitors of Erie County with free reading and programming for the past 175 years
- 67. Maintains 37 locations county-wide
- 68. Runs an active website with a library catalog and research database
- 69. Manages 3 million items (books, maps, audio, video and digital)
- 70. Coordinates bookmobile services to underserved communities



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Mental Health

- 71. Directs a local, comprehensive mental disability planning system
- 72. Maximizes state, federal and voluntary support for programs
- 73. Develops effective systems that assess and monitor the quality and effectiveness of care the mental disability programs deliver
- 74. Monitors the quality of care in contractual agency programs
- 75. Assures coordination of mental health, mental retardation/developmental disabilities and alcohol and substance abuse services



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Office of Public Advocacy

- 76. Provides advocacy services to residents of Erie County
- 77. Runs Commission on the Status of Women to promote gender equity
- 78. Organizes events with community partners to promote collaboration
- 79. Offers education, analysis of legislation and policy recommendations
- 80. Coordinates annual United Way campaign



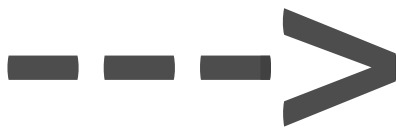
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Advocacy
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in favor of something, such as
a cause, policy, or interests or
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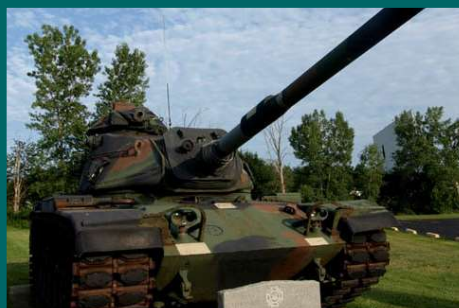
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Veterans Services

81. Ensures that every veteran in the county is registered in the VA System and is fully aware of all the benefits that they have earned
82. Works to make veterans an economic force in education, employment and business development
83. Develops programs with local colleges and universities
84. Partners with the Dept. of Mental Health on a "peer to peer" mentoring program for returning veterans
85. Processes the burials of indigent veterans and next-of-kin of veterans



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Erie County Sheriffs

- 86. Provides road patrols 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and regular aviation and marine patrols
- 87. Investigates all crimes reported to the Sheriff's Office
- 88. Executes warrants from Department of Social Services cases
- 89. Provides bomb removal and SWAT support to local law enforcement
- 90. Investigates fires happening within Sheriff's patrol districts



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Erie County Clerk

91. Records and keeps legal and official documents and records
92. Issues permits and licenses for automobiles, firearms, hunting and fishing
93. Ensures all court records are appropriately filed and maintained.
94. Administers laws related to motor vehicle sales, vehicle registration and driver licensing
95. Maintains six auto bureaus and one mobile unit



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Erie County Legislature

- 96. Provides legislative oversight for Erie County government
- 97. Holds legislative sessions and committee meetings
- 98. Adopts and debates the annual Erie County budget
- 99. Passes local laws, arts, ordinances and resolutions
- 100. Exercises oversight over the daily operations of county government
- 101. Liaises with constituents to help them navigate county services

