

## Volunteer

**Adult Education Tutor:** prepare adults to pass their GED

**Foster Grandparent:** low income seniors age 55+ volunteer in a classroom and earn a modest stipend

**Getting Ahead Mentors:** act as a positive role model for Getting Ahead participants while they work to fulfill their goals

**Meals on Wheels:** deliver meals, a warm smile and safety check to seniors living in their own homes

**Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP):** seniors 55+ volunteer in the community

**Volunteer Ombudsman:** work with long-term care residents and families to resolve concerns

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:** an Erie Free Taxes site, free tax preparation for low to moderate income families

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## ***GECAC is working to eliminate poverty in Erie County.***

GECAC invests in individuals and their families who are striving to develop their skills. We have established programs that provide the resources needed to break the cycle of poverty, be self-sufficient and achieve financial independence.

Poverty is a community issue that calls for community solutions and community action. Our nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization was created to change people's lives, improve Erie County and make it a better place to live.

To help support the programs and services throughout our directory please consider donating to GECAC today.

**Donate Online:** [www.gecac.org](http://www.gecac.org)

## Other Initiatives

**Group/Gun Violence Reduction Strategy ("Call In"):** support for those re-entering a law-abiding life from criminal networks

**Getting Ahead:** participants, with the help of mentors, make goals and plans to be self-sufficient

**Re-Entry:** services for those who have or are returning back to Erie County from incarceration



# GECAC Directory of Programs & Services



Harry Fornalczyk  
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program



GECAC helps people throughout Erie County break the cycle of poverty, be self-sufficient and achieve financial independence. Whether you are working at minimum wage, a senior on a fixed income or a wage earner suddenly out of work, Community Action is here to help you meet your emergency needs and start you on the road to self sufficiency.

## **Helping People. Changing Lives.**

Providing services throughout Erie County  
GECAC Headquarters  
18 West 9th Street  
Erie, PA 16501

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Greater Erie Community Action Committee | 814-459-4581  
[www.gecac.org](http://www.gecac.org) | [www.facebook.com/gecacerie](https://www.facebook.com/gecacerie)



Malcolm Toran  
Getting Ahead Program

## Housing

**Housing and Rental Assistance:** provides rent and deposit payments for those facing eviction or homelessness

**Maleno Family-to-Family Fund:** renovates and repairs four homes per year. See application for criteria

**Rent Rebate:** assists in applying for property tax and rent rebates

**Utility Assistance:** provides gas and electric payments

**Weatherization:** weatherizes homes in the city of Erie including furnace repair and replacement



Carol Madison  
Weatherization Program

## Education

**Adult Basic Education:** classes to improve math and reading abilities

**GED Testing Center:** instruction in reading, math, social studies and science and taking the official exam

**Tuition Scholarships:** tuition assistance for college students and financial assistance to attend private K-12 schools in Erie County

**Upward Bound:** assisting high school students to graduate high school, attend and complete college

## Employment and Income

**Money Works For You:** budgeting classes with financial incentives to save money

**Senior Community Service Employment:** low income seniors, age 55+, work part-time at non-profits to earn minimum wage and gain experience

**Summer JAM:** job readiness training and summer employment for youth

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:** an Erie Free Taxes site, free tax preparation for low to moderate income families

**Work Ready:** teaches basic skills leading to job readiness

## Aging

**APPRISE:** Medicare insurance counseling

**Assessments:** provides a functional eligibility determination for those seeking in-home services or long term care placement

**Farmer's Market Nutrition Program:** gift cards for fruits and vegetables from farmer's markets in Erie County

**Caregiver Support:** reimbursement for care giving expenses to people caring for parents, spouses, children or relatives that live in the home

**Domiciliary Care:** residents live in a home with others in a family atmosphere

**HomePLUS:** support for seniors living in Friendship Apartments and Schmid Towers

**In Home Services:** coordination of personal care, household chores, meals and healthcare

**Meals on Wheels:** delivers nutritious, hot meals to seniors in their homes

**Nursing Home Transition:** helps nursing home residents return to their homes

**Long Term Care Ombudsman:** investigates complaints in long-term care facilities. 814-459-4581 x593

**Older Adult Protective Services:** investigates elder abuse. Report Elder Abuse- Day: 814-459-4581 x205  
Evening: 814-451-1520

**Senior Advocate:** assists seniors to obtain services and benefits

**Senior Centers** offer hot meals and recreational, educational and social activities. Free transportation through the LIFT.

**Corry** 25 South First Avenue 814-664-2477

**Erie West (Erie)** 1210 West 8th Street 814-451-5634

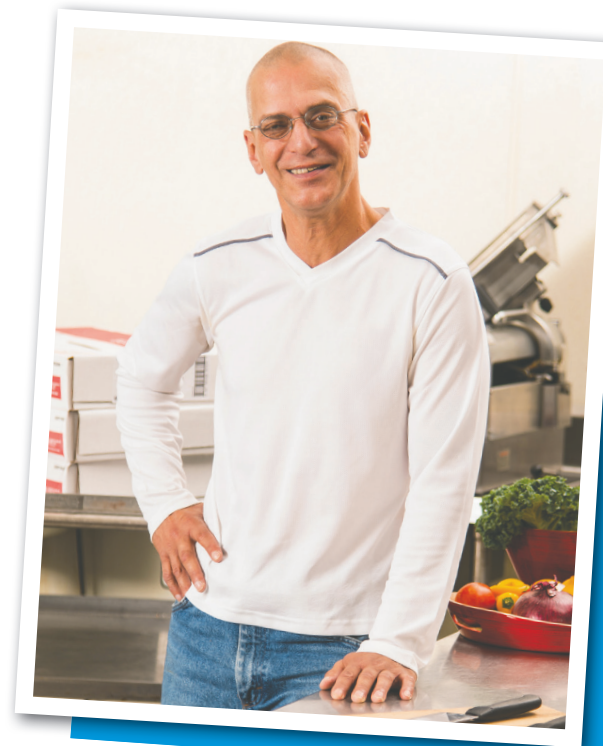
**North East** 50 East Main Street 814-725-5195

**Northwestern (Albion)** 9 Academy Street 814-754-5373

**RBW Center City (Erie)** 823 Peach Street 814-451-5633

**Tri-Boro (Fairview)** 7555 Main Street 814-474-2211

**Union City** 27 Johnson Street 814-438-2146



Henry Sekula Senior Community Service  
Employment Program



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