

{ Helping People
Changing Lives }

Mission Statement

The Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) is Erie County's designated community action agency formed to provide advocacy and diverse services directed toward the elimination of poverty and the causes of poverty. GECAC is dedicated to empowering individuals and families to improve their quality of life through

- the advancement of opportunity for education and training,
- the opportunity to work, and
- the opportunity to live in decency and dignity.

The Promise

Community Action changes peoples' lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other as they move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

A Message from the CEO and Board of Directors

The 2016-2017 program year was a time of great change. Nationally, a new President was elected bringing new ideas on the role of the Federal government and uncertainty regarding regulations and program funding. At the state and local level, Pennsylvania's gaming legislation was determined unconstitutional causing state legislators to attempt to draft new legislation and raising questions on how and if that money will be distributed at a local level.

Within GECAC we also experienced significant change with the passing of CEO Ronald A. Steele on October 14, 2016. Mr. Steele left a lasting legacy here at GECAC and within the Erie community at large through his twelve years as GECAC CEO and twenty-four years at the County in the Juvenile Probation and Public Defender's office. Countless individuals have Mr. Steele to thank for the positive changes that they found in their lives.

The changes continued in early 2017 when we both stepped into new roles as the new CEO and incoming Board Chairperson of GECAC. While neither of us is new in our involvement with GECAC, we are new to these roles and are extremely grateful to the support shared by the staff, Board of Directors and other supporters in allowing us to have a seamless and successful transition.

Throughout all the change and uncertainty, many things stayed the same - namely the needs and successes of the individuals we serve and the dedication of our staff who assist them in meeting those needs and achieving those successes. Once again this year, we chose to feature five of those individuals within this annual report.

Within the pages of this annual report, you will read about Malcolm who after spending seventeen years in federal prison found the Getting Ahead program and with the support of his case manager and mentor is now employed with full benefits making a living wage. You'll also read about Rachel and Trenton. With the support of the Head Start program, this mother and son duo will both be reaching educational milestones this year when Trenton heads off to school kindergarten-ready and Rachel graduates from Penn State Behrend with a nursing degree. Joining Malcom, Rachel and Trenton are Harry, Carol and Henry - each of whom have reached milestones with the support of GECAC staff and programs.

While change and uncertainty are not going away any time soon, we can take pride in knowing that some change is positive. In the lives of the five people featured in this report and the thousands of others touched by GECAC this past year, we are able to demonstrate that GECAC truly is *Helping People and Changing Lives*.



Danny Jones
Chief Executive Officer



Michael Butler
Board Chairperson



Area Agency on Aging

The GECAC Area Agency on Aging (AAA) focuses on the key mandates of the Older Americans Act. Programs are designed to respond to the needs of those seniors who:

- remain active and involved in their community;
- are cared for in their homes where they are comfortable and secure;
- require placement eligibility; or
- require protection and advocacy.

For more information, visit gecac.org/programs-and-services/elderly-and-aging.

Harry Fornalczyk RSVP Program

This past year, the national and local media shone a spotlight on the 12th Street corridor. But while the cameras rolled on the many manufacturing buildings along that stretch of roadway – some thriving, some vacant – and the conversation focused on the successes and challenges of Erie’s manufacturing history, one story was left untold...

Nestled behind Erie Press Systems, is a woodworking workshop rivaled only by the one at the North Pole. For the past 30 years this workshop has been home to dozens of Santa’s Helpers who volunteer year round to design, build and decorate over 3400 wooden toys each year for approximately 2500 underprivileged children at Christmas.

During 27 of those 30 years, Harry Fornalczyk has been a faithful Santa’s Helper volunteer and leader, serving fourteen years as a station manager. Harry joined GECAC’s Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, better known as RSVP, in January 1990. While Harry joined RSVP in 1990, his service to our country and community did not start there. At a very young age, Harry joined the Air Force during World War II and became a Second Lieutenant/Navigator on a B-24 flying crew. Harry’s crew was shot down and was captured by the Germans where he served as a prisoner of

war. Harry was freed after the camp was liberated. Returning to the states, Harry worked as a contractor. After retirement, Harry joined RSVP because he “had nothing to do after retirement.”

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Harry has contributed over 10,000 hours to the Santa’s Helpers project. During many years, Harry’s volunteer hours were equivalent to or more than the hours a regular full time employee would work. He has been a significant contributor to the growth of the program, pushing for funding to grow the capacity of the site, recruiting additional volunteers and working with Erie Press Systems to continue to foster that relationship.

At the age of 93, the hours Harry serves may not be as many as they once were, but he continues to put in more than 750 hours each year. According to Harry, volunteering “gives me a feeling of accomplishment to be able to do something for the community. I was an actual Prisoner of War (POW) in the Air Force so I was given a second chance. I’m happy to be here. I have been very fortunate and blessed in my life, and I just want to give something back.”



Child Development

Recognizing that a lifetime of success can be built during the earliest years, GECAC's Child Development Division focuses on the education of our county's youngest children – those birth to age five – through three main programs: Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership, Head Start and Pre-K Counts.

For more information, visit gecac.org/programs-and-services/children.

Rachel & Trenton Weryha Head Start

One of the key milestones in any child's life is entering school kindergarten-ready. As a single parent, working and going to school full time to become a nurse, Rachel Weryha knew her son Trenton's education was extremely important but also didn't have a lot of free time to teach him herself or the funds to pay for preschool. That's when Rachel learned about GECAC Head Start, a free preschool program for children aged three to five.

Rachel enrolled Trenton in Head Start mid-school year when he was four years old and immediately met with Trenton's teaching team, Sherri Letzelter and Deb Buettner. Upon entering the program Trenton was only able to recognize his colors and had not had much opportunity to socialize with children his age.

Ms. Letzelter and Ms. Buettner assisted Trenton with learning the ins and outs of making friends and playing alongside his classmates. Trenton was able to successfully make friends and enjoyed playing with them each day.

Trenton's teachers also planned individualized activities to help Trenton become kindergarten-ready academically. Trenton was eager to learn and worked very hard on all the tasks his teachers planned for him. He very quickly began to recognize letters, learned to spell and write his name, identified rhyming words, and counted the number of syllables in words. Trenton took

pride in his work and was very proud of his accomplishments. At one point, he told his mom that he "could never miss any school!"

All of Trenton's success was not just from his time in the classroom. The classroom teaching team would often make suggestions as to how his mom could work with Trenton at home on new skills. They let Rachel know that working with Trenton for just 10 minutes a day would help him immensely.

Even though she had an extremely busy schedule and was working very hard on her own schooling and to support her family, she always made time for Trenton. Rachel would work with Trenton at home any time she could, and this is one of the greatest reasons for his successes!

At the final parent/teacher conference of the school year, the teaching team and Rachel agreed that Trenton had truly flourished, learned many new skills, and was going to be prepared for kindergarten.

"GECAC Head Start laid a great foundation for Trenton's future education, acting as a stepping stone for him before entering public school," explained Rachel. "It helped him to truly enjoy learning."

Trenton began kindergarten in the fall of 2017 at Robison Elementary. Rachel is expected to graduate in May 2018 with a nursing degree from Penn State Behrend.

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Education, Training & Community Services

Programs within the Education, Training and Community Services division can be divided into three broad categories – Education, Community Services and Supportive Services.

For more information, visit gecac.org.

Carol Madison Weatherization Program

Carol Madison applied to the GECAC Weatherization program hoping to gain assistance with implementing cost saving energy conservation measures in her home. She shared with the weatherization team that she spent several years in the home caring for her sister who was battling cancer. After the loss of her sister, Carol inherited her sister's home in May 2016 and began seeking assistance to lower her utility bills.

"I was trying to address the bitter cold weather conditions I was experiencing in my home. I knew the home needed insulating, but I'm on a fixed income and couldn't afford it," explains Carol. "I reached out to St. Martin's Center who in turn referred me to the GECAC weatherization program."

Carol submitted an application to the GECAC Weatherization program and in March of 2017, began working with the agency. Todd Harvey, Weatherization auditor, states, "After an inspection of Carol's home, we insulated the walls and the attic, air sealed the home, tested and serviced the furnace to achieve maximum performance at lowest cost, and exchanged some of the light bulbs for energy efficient lighting."

"I would recommend any and every one to take advantage of the opportunity to participate with GECAC and the weatherization services."

Carol has shared that without the services of the weatherization program, she would not have been able to afford her home's utilities on her fixed income. She has also expressed that she immediately noticed a difference in the home's ability to maintain a comfortable temperature on both cold and warm nights.

Like other Erie residents, Carol shares she has benefited greatly from the program. "I'm living more comfortably in my home because of my ability to maintain the temperature in my home through the seasons, especially the winter months. I could have never afforded to complete so much work on my fixed income. I would recommend any and every one to take advantage of the opportunity to participate with GECAC and the weatherization services. I am also seeing a difference in my utility bills."

Carol Madison is one of many Erie City area homeowners that have benefited from the services provided by GECAC's weatherization program. We look forward to helping more Erie residents like Carol, in an effort of continuing "Helping People and Changing Lives."



Executive Division & Special Projects

The Executive Division consists of Building Services, Finance, Human Resources, Management Information Systems, Office Services, and Planning. All executive services support the overall operations of the Agency to provide a strong foundation for improving Agency programming.

For more information, visit gecac.org.

Malcolm Toran Getting Ahead

My name is Malcolm Toran, and I am a returning citizen. I spent 17 years in federal prison. I have been out for two years. I was convicted at age 25 of dealing drugs and was released in 2015. I began attending the GECAC Getting Ahead class in January 2016.

Since attending this program I have achieved the following accomplishments: got a job, got a driver's license, got a better job, reconnected with my father and my son, bought a car and joined the union. And, oh yes, I moved out from my Aunt's house and now rent my own apartment.

I now receive health benefits that I earn and pay for at my current employer, Liberty Iron and Metal. I also contribute to a retirement fund through work and the union to make possible a retirement for myself at some point. I can now see a future for myself and have the confidence and ability to plan for it.

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None of this would have come about without the help of my mentor who was assigned to me in the Getting Ahead Program. His name is Mike Bizzarro, and he is about 23 years old. Mike helped me get my job at Liberty where I now earn \$17 an hour. Mike helped me stay on the straight and narrow and showed me how to not let my temper get the better of me. He helped me keep my job when others were being let go by urging me to take on new duties and responsibilities and to learn new skills so that I would be less likely to be laid off.

As far as future plans, my goal is to buy my first house and through Getting Ahead, I have been made aware of some very nice first time home buyers programs available in Erie. Mike helps me keep a budget and stick to it. I think owning my own house could become a reality for me.



Workforce Development Services

Recognizing that employment is an essential stepping stone out of poverty, the Workforce Development Services division serves to provide employment supports, education and training for potential workers and to connect those workers to employers who have openings

For more information, visit gecac.org.

Henry Sekula Senior Community Service and Employment Program

Henry Sekula is a veteran who initially participated in the Senior Community Service and Employment Program (SCSEP) back in 2013 before exiting the program to employment as a meat cutter in a local deli in Erie. Life for Henry was interrupted when he lost that job in March 2016. Remembering the support he'd received previously from GECAC SCSEP Henry, came to our office to reapply later that same month. At the time there were no enrollment openings, so Henry was placed on the wait list following the program's enrollment priority guidelines. On June 23, 2016, Henry was eligible for re-enrollment and was placed in a training position at the Community of Caring Shelter for the Homeless as a kitchen aide.

During Henry's re-enrollment, Sandra Hansbrew, SCSEP Project Director, recalls this impactful moment:

Henry and I were nearly done with his enrollment paperwork so I began to inform Henry of his schedule and upcoming training assignment at the Community of Caring Shelter.

“I am grateful for all the help I received from Sandy and Glen at GECAC. They not only helped me find this job but also taught me the job readiness and interviewing skills that I needed to land the job.”

That's when that magical moment took place – the moment when as project director, I just knew this training would be a perfect fit for him. Henry said, 'Ms. Sandy, I lived at this shelter for a brief period of time and would like to give back to this shelter.'

In addition to training, Henry also worked with the SCSEP Job Specialist who assisted him with job search activities related to the food industry. On March 14, 2017 Henry responded to a job posting for a meat cutter at Giant Eagle by completing an online job application. The SCSEP project director provided additional support through a professional contact with a representative of Giant Eagle to inform HR of Henry's online application. It took some perseverance but on April 12, 2017, after overcoming several obstacles, Henry was hired, completed orientation and began working. To date, Henry is still a valued employee for the Giant Eagle Company.

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Division Managers

GECAC Agency Services

Area Agency on Aging

Adult Protective Services	607
Aging Waiver	805
Assessment	3409
Care Management	679
Domiciliary Care	24
Family Caregiver	54
Foster Grandparent Program	56
Health and Wellness (Service Units)	2229
Home Delivered Meals	603
Home Health	484
HomePLUS	421
Home Support	219
Legal Services	67
Long Term Care Ombudsman	231
Medical Supplies	209
Personal Care	256
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	401
Senior Centers	1929
Transportation	1052

Child Development Unit

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	75
Head Start	
Federal Slots	728
State Slots	78
Pre-K Counts	68

Special Projects

Erie Together	
Family Action Team Members	43
Community Partners	99
Tax Credit Scholarship Programs	
Educational Improvement	
Scholarships awarded	70
Dollars awarded	\$35,000
Opportunity Scholarship	
Scholarships awarded	30
Dollars awarded	\$15,000

Education, Training & Community Services

Family Savings Account/ Individual Development Accounts	11
Food Services	
# meals for Elderly	114,441
# meals for Child Care	214,691
Housing Assistance	1125
Money Works For You	29
Money Works For You Youth	20
PNC Home Buyers Club	11
Transportation	886
Upward Bound	74
Utility Assistance	559
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	664
Weatherization	
# of homes weatherized	21
# of clients serviced	53

Workforce Development Services

Adult Basic Education	199
Career Jump Start	124
Senior Community Service Employment Program	76
WIOA Title I Adult	687
WIOA Title I Business Services employer contacts	710
WIOA Title I Dislocated Worker	1375
WIOA Title I Youth	480
Work Ready	59
Work Ready SNAP	65

2016/2017

Staff Roster

Area Agency on Aging, *cont.*

Jones, Latece
Joyce, Henry
Kerr, Roxane
Lindberg, Mark
London, Ernest
Maholtz, Raymond
Malone, Kimberly
Martin, Erika
Mattson, Cathy
Mehler, Erin
Mitchell, Benny
Morrow, Jennifer
Muckinhaupt, Thomas
Musone, Elizabeth
Myers, Teresa
Pete, John
Porter, Tyrone
Price, Rachael
Raymond, Valeri
Reynard, Peggy
Reynolds, Lisa
Rist, Nicholas
Roberts, Carolyn
Rosario, Pennie
Rozanski, Cynthia
Shannon, Diane
Shapiro, Barry
Simmons, Gertrude
Skaljic, Almir
Soriano, April
Spaid, Laura
Spencer, Vanessa
Starvaggi, Sharen
Strasser, Robert

Child Development, *cont.*

Callahan, Erin
Candelaria-Vega, Maria
Carr, Deanne
Causgrove, Thomas
Chernicky, Krisztina
Ciminella, Tiffany
Conley, Molly
Courtney, Carol
Crandell, Elizabeth
Crane, Rebecca
Cullison, Lisa
Davis, Patricia
Decker, Beth
Demaske, Leslie
Denial, Rebecca
Denihan, Erick
Driscoll, Kim
Duda, Alan
Dudick, Elizabeth
Dudley, Devon
Evans, Doris
Ewing, Cynthia
Frontera, Dawn
Gambill, Debra
Gamble, Melinda
Gantz, Laura
Gates, Emily
Gates, Leah
Gee, Tammy
Golden, Doreen
Grabinski, Lori
Graves, Shelly
Greenman, Marie
Gruver, Deborah

Child Development, *cont.*

Plott, Leamon
Podalski, Angela
Potter, Mary
Potts, Stephanie
Raun, Carol
Ritchie, Martina
Roberts, Norma
Romba, Doreen
Rose, Sandra
Royal, Dianne
Sanford, Christine
Santi, Jennifer
Sargent, Marcia
See, Kimberly
Seigworth, Jennifer
Seth, Renee
Shirley, Donna
Shufesky, Candace
Smith, Kathleen
Songer, Dana
Sturgill, Heather
Sullivan, Cathlin
Sullivan, Trisha
Tate, Angela
Tate, Martha
Teribery, Nancy
Theuerkauf-Iszkula, Mary
Thomas, Tracey
Thorhauer, Corinna
Velez, Jalitza
Vitale, Lori
Washington, Leslie
Whitney, Nancy
Wierzbicki, Grazyna

Education, Training & Community Services, *cont.*

Plonski, Stefine
SanFilippo, Angela
Schwabebauer, Patricia
Snyder, Stanley
Tate, Deirdre
White, Linda
Wills, Diane
Executive
Blanks, Gerald
Cermak, Leslie
Collins, Jacquelyn
DeFelice, Linda
Del Freo, Georgia
Dolak, Kaitlin
Dyke, Matthew
Gerber, David
Goodwine, Raushani
Harper, James
Hoffman, Susan
Hollis, Annjerrica
House, Vivian
Jones, Danny
Kerner, Dorothy
Kessler, Christina
Klick, Kristin
Knight, Rodney
Kowalczyk, Linda
Kumer, Rhonda
Love, Charlene
McCaslin, Kimberly
McCullum, Arden
McCullum, Vivian
McMullin, Andrea

Area Agency on Aging

Adams, Bridget
Adkins, Rosan
Archer, Felicia
Baker, Cara
Bender, Charles
Blakely, Wanda
Bratek, Wanda
Carter-Snell, Helen
Casane, Pasquale
Clabbatz, Nancy
Coburn, Carmen
Daley, Julia
DeCrease, Christine
Dickens, Bettie
DiMattio, Carolyn
Dolak, Kylie
Dregalla, Jamie
Dropcho, Cynthia
Edwards, Jennifer
Edwards, Kimberly
Fetty, Adam
Fleming, Cynthia
Frank, Ashley
Garcia, Abner
Gorecki, Jessica
Grigoryan, Karine
Grubbs, Amanda
Hagstrom, Kyle
Holowienko, Theresa
Hooks, Lydia
House, Regina
Howze, Abram
Hutchings, Michelle
Hutzelman, Kimberly

Tau, Kathleen
Taylor, Richard
Titko, Tracy
Trenn, Amanda
Trott, Matthew
Trott, Maureen
Vanderhoof, Tara
Wunch, Tina
Yauger, Jennifer
Young, Katherine
Zuba, Alicia

Child Development

Agens, Cheryl
Allen, Barbara
Anderson, Brittany
Anderson, Susan
Bailes, Lesley
Balkovic-Johnson, Brenda
Barber, Lynn
Barnes, Cornelia
Barney, Debbie
Beers, Melinda
Belden, Laura
Black, Julie
Blarr, Cheri
Botwright-Noonan, Beth
Bozenhard, Carianne
Bridgett, Sarah
Britt, Kathy
Bryant, Lisa
Bucci, Rebecca
Buchanan, Paula
Buettner, Deborah
Byes, Ebony

Harper, Jessica
Hatch, Katherine
Hawkins, Suprena
Herrmann, Pamela
Hicks, Liana
Holl, Celeste
Howze, Stacy
Hudson-Estrella, Nena
Jeanerat, Debra
Jones, Karen
Jones, Patricia
Juarez, Maritza
Kauffman, Brenda
Kilbane, Deborah
Kimmy, Tammie
Laine, Denise
Lasko, Deborah
Leninsky, Joy
Letzelter, Sherry
Lunger, Brittny
Majewski, Linda
Mattson, Jamie
McCallum, Veronica
McFadden, Kathleen
McLaughlin, Cindy
McLaurin, Paula
Mead, Nicole
Messner, Stephanie
Moore, Tyonna
Moore-Roebach, Barbara
Mortimer, Brandee
Nelson, Tabatha
Nientimp, Gail
Pacley, Cathy
Parker, Jaclyn

Wilson, Robin
Wojtecki, Wendy
Woodson, Dana
Zaczyk, Shirley

Education, Training & Community Services

Barnett, Sandra
Burns, Karleen
Cornwell, Cheryl
DeCarolis, Starlynn
DelleCurti, Frank
DiPlacido, Nicola
Ferrell, Diane
Fiolek, Leora
Fuhrman, Daniel
Geist, Carolyn
Gouldsmith, Helen
Gray, Alan
Harvey, Todd
Higley, Nancy
Hope, Wendy
Hurlbert, Tracy
Jaroski, James
Johnson, Nicole
Johnson, Royal
Konetsky, Linda
Kosiorek, Dana
Lansberry, Scott
Long, Michael
Markley, Ronald
McClellan, Barbara
Meerhoff, Kelli
Momeyer, Michael
Norton, Michael

Mitchell, Brian
Outlaw, Michael
Sawatsky, Holly
Silman, Sheila
Sirak, Maryann
Sitter, Edward
Stearns, Kathleen
Steele, Barbara
Stevens, Colette
Tate, Jessie
Vincent, Bettie
Vincent, Endia
Wensel, Donna
Whelan, Roger
Williams, Garry

Workforce Development

Bartlett, Dawn
Edwards, Jonathan
Hamrock, Christina
Hansbrew, Sandra
Hargenrader, Annette
Hund, Karen
Kennedy-Fink, Maureen
Kosko, Tyler
McCoy, Anita
Meyers, Claritha
Nordin, Melissa
Rabat-Lavor, Silvana
Sorenson, Lorena
Swoger, Teresa
Tirak, Courtney
Wilson, Benjamin

Distribution of Funds

	Total Budget	Total Federal	Total Non-Federal
ADMINISTRATION & CENTRAL OPERATIONS			
Administration and Central Operations	\$914,022	\$622,879	\$291,143
Subtotal: Administration and Operations	\$914,022	\$622,879	\$291,143
AGING SERVICES			
Aging Waiver	\$2,299,082	\$418,276	\$1,880,806
Area Agency on Aging	\$5,737,430	\$861,544	\$4,875,886
Foster Grandparent Program	\$243,172	\$220,696	\$22,476
HomePLUS	\$463,880	\$454,915	\$8,965
Nursing Home Transition	\$353,834	\$73,665	\$280,169
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$152,190	\$75,379	\$76,811
UPMC CBCCI	\$114,600	\$-	\$114,600
Subtotal: Aging Services	\$9,364,188	\$2,104,475	\$7,259,713
CHILD DEVELOPMENT			
Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership	\$1,936,179	\$1,457,072	\$479,107
Head Start	\$8,353,266	\$6,427,672	\$1,925,594
Pre-K Counts	\$559,207	\$-	\$559,207
Subtotal: Child Development	\$10,848,652	\$7,884,744	\$2,963,908
EDUCATION, TRAINING & COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Child Care Food & Other Food Services	\$698,764	\$472,297	\$226,467
Financial Literacy and Savings Programs	\$12,398	\$2,171	\$10,227
Food Services (2)	\$920,406	\$-	\$920,406
Housing Assistance and Counseling Services	\$564,515	\$76,880	\$487,635
Transportation (2)	\$928,855	\$-	\$928,855
Upward Bound	\$279,336	\$279,336	\$-
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program	\$10,000	\$-	\$10,000
Weatherization	\$358,447	\$331,983	\$26,464
Subtotal: Education, Training & Community Services	\$1,923,460	\$1,162,667	\$760,793
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES			
Adult Basic and Literacy Education	\$289,945	\$118,649	\$171,296
Community Based Organization Grant	\$28,172	\$-	\$28,172
Job Driven National Emergency Grant	\$175,735	\$175,735	\$-
Little Italy Byrne Grant	\$14,328	\$14,328	\$-
Senior Community Service Employment Program	\$695,366	\$650,587	\$44,779
Summer JAM	\$329,851	\$37,644	\$292,207
Work Ready	\$236,829	\$236,829	\$-
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Rapid Response	\$239,890	\$239,890	\$-
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Title I Adult	\$910,137	\$867,272	\$42,865
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Title I Business Services	\$246,944	\$246,944	\$-
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Title I Dislocated Worker	\$847,922	\$847,922	\$-
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Title I and TANF Youth	\$1,037,670	\$1,037,670	\$-
Workforce Innovation Fund Program	\$313,067	\$313,067	\$-
Subtotal: Workforce Development Services	\$5,365,856	\$4,786,537	\$579,319
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
Erie Together~Getting Ahead	\$70,000	\$-	\$70,000
Erie County Reentry Services & Support Alliance	\$247,667	\$-	\$247,667
Maleno Family-to-Family Fund	\$11,938	\$-	\$11,938
Poverty Fund	\$35,188	\$-	\$35,188
R. Benjamin Wiley Memorial Fund	\$5,533	\$-	\$5,533
Tax Credit Scholarship Programs	\$103,333	\$-	\$103,333
Wiley Osborne Golf Classic	\$39,268	\$-	\$39,268
Subtotal: Special Projects	\$512,927	\$-	\$512,927
Grand Total	\$28,929,105	\$16,561,302	\$12,367,803

Funding Source Summary

FEDERAL

Corporation for National Community Service	\$296,075
Department of Education	\$397,985
Department of Energy	\$178,579
Department of Justice	\$14,328
Department of Labor	\$3,541,861
Health and Human Services	\$11,064,141
Housing and Urban Development	\$543,715
United States Department of Agriculture	\$524,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$16,561,302

STATE

Department of Aging (1)	\$4,166,459
Department of Community and Economic Development (1)	\$-
Department of Education	\$1,092,880
Department of Human Services--Office of Long Term Living (1)	\$2,371,115
Department of Labor & Industry	\$28,172
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,658,626

LOCAL

City of Erie (1)	
County of Erie (1)	\$1,300,875
Corporate/Educational Institutions/Other Agencies	\$560,971
Fees and Contributions	\$295,856
Foundations	\$369,334
Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation	\$61,044
Housing Authority of the City of Erie (1)	\$-
In-Kind Contributions	\$1,939,939
United Way	\$70,561
Utilities (National Fuel Gas & First Energy)	\$110,597
TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS	\$4,709,177

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDING

\$28,929,105



(1) Designated Federal funds contracted from this source are reported under the originating federal funding source.

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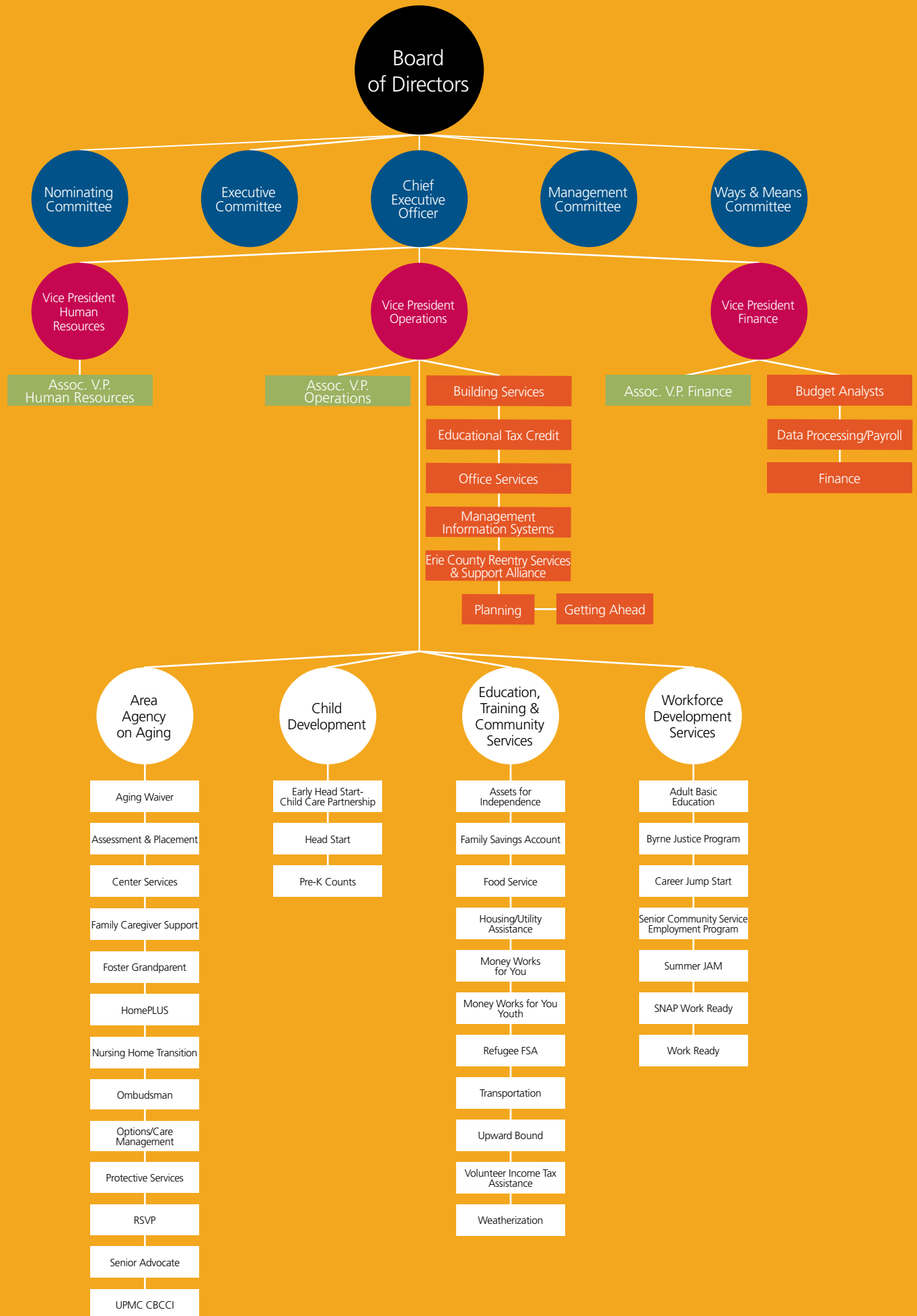
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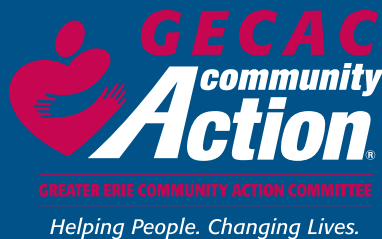
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