

GECAC AREA AGENCY on AGING

Senior Community Centers

GECAC's senior centers are dedicated to encouraging personal growth, fostering active participation in the community, and helping residents age 60+ achieve and maintain an independent, healthy lifestyle. Our seven senior centers are located throughout Erie County. They offer a wide variety of leisure and educational programs, support groups, special events, and trips. In addition, the centers' staff serve as a resource for GECAC's Area Agency on Aging. LIFT transportation is available at no cost to eligible seniors.

Corry Senior Center

25 South First Avenue • 814-664-2477

Erie West Senior Center

1210 West 8th Street • 814-451-5634

North East Senior Center

50 East Main Street • 814-725-5195

Northwestern Senior Center

9 Academy Street, Albion • 814-756-5373

R. Benjamin Wiley Central City Senior Center

823 Peach Street, Erie • 814-451-5633

Tri-Boro Senior Center

7555 West Ridge Road, Fairview • 814-474-2211

Union City Senior Center

27 Johnson Street • 814-438-2146

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The Senior Farmers' Market Program provides low-income seniors with voucher that can be exchanged for eligible foods (fruits, vegetables, and fresh-cut herbs) at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture programs.



GREATER ERIE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Helping People. Changing Lives.

Greater Erie Community
Action Committee
18 West 9th Street
Erie, PA 16501

www.gecac.org

The Greater Erie Community Action Committee, better known as GECAC, is Erie County's Community Action Agency. It was created to change people's lives, improve our community and make it a better place to live. We care about the entire county—and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other as they move from poverty to self-sufficiency. Whether you are working at minimum wage, a senior living 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.

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In 1974, through the Older Americans Act, Congress established a nationwide network of organizations called the Area Agencies on Aging to serve every senior, in every town throughout America. Your local GECAC Area Agency on Aging was designated as one of those 600 organizations created. Because of these organizations, millions of older Americans have lived more secure, healthier, and meaningful lives.

If you are a senior or a family member and don't know where to begin to get assistance or information, GECAC has a helpline just for you. To speak directly to a trusted caseworker that will help guide you through the steps please call:

Senior Helpline
(814) 459-4581 ext. 400

You will be asked to participate in a needs assessment. This assessment will determine what kind of support you need, whether it is in-home care or long-term care services. You will then learn about the resources available to meet your needs.

Directory of Services

PA Medicare Education And Decision Insight

GECAC PA MEDI Counselors assist more than 3,500 seniors concerning Medicare insurance each year free of charge. Counselors help them choose the right coverage plan, provide information, and sort through all of the different benefit options.



Support for Caregivers of Older Adult

If an older person relies on you to provide unpaid help with day-to-day activities, GECAC's Caregiver Support program wants to financially assist you. As a caregiver, you may be eligible to be reimbursed up to \$600 per month to help with your out-of-pocket expenses.



Support for Caregivers of Grandchildren

Grandparents who are raising your grandchildren—we have money available to help you. Caring for others takes time, energy, and especially money. Our program will reimburse you for your grandchildren's: clothing, personal care items, school supplies, dues for recreational and extracurricular activities, tuition, and daycare.

Health & Wellness

Our exercise and wellness classes aim to promote healthier lifestyles among seniors so that there is a measurable improvement in their quality of life. Classes provide older adults with the information they need to age well.

Domiciliary Care

Domiciliary Care provides a supervised, home-like living arrangement for adults aged 18 and older who are unable to live independently in the community. Certified care providers are nurturing individuals who have the desire to give daily, personalized care and attention to residents and encourage a sense of belonging and independence in their own homes. Residents receive room, board, and care services in a family home environment.

Foster Grandparent Program

Become a Senior Corps volunteer through the Foster Grandparents Program and help at-risk children love learning. Foster Grandparents help children in an educational setting with math, writing, and reading. Volunteers receive a stipend to participate.



Home PLUS

Aging services are provided to people living at Schmid Towers and Friendship Apartments to help residents maintain their independence.



In-Home Care

Many seniors find that as they get older they can't always do the day-to-day things they need to stay safe and healthy on their own. Seniors may need someone to help them with things like bathing, dressing, grooming, and meal preparation. A care manager works closely with the older adult and their family to develop a plan of care to manage daily activities and arrange for providers to meet their needs in order to safely remain in their homes and community.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

(SCSEP) is a paid employment-training program that helps mature workers transition into meaningful employment. SCSEP offers wages for participants while they gain valuable experience with partner community service agencies in supportive, real-work settings.

Property Tax and Rent Rebate

Provides relief to low-income seniors in the form of property tax and rent relief. Assistance to complete the applications is available at no cost from the GECAC Area Agency on Aging.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Ombudsmen are specially trained and certified and have authority under Pennsylvania law to identify, investigate and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf of, long-term care facility residents. Ombudsmen are advocates for the residents of these facilities. Our priority is to protect the rights of long-term care residents and ensure they receive fair treatment. You can become an Ombudsman volunteer. You will receive training to advocate and empower long-term care residents, improve their quality of life and their quality of care.

Meals on Wheels

GECAC Meals on Wheels has been guided by a single goal – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. GECAC offers free meals paid for by federal, state, and county funds, including the Pennsylvania Lottery. Every visit comes with a nutritious meal, a safety check, and an assessment of any changes that might impact future medical needs.

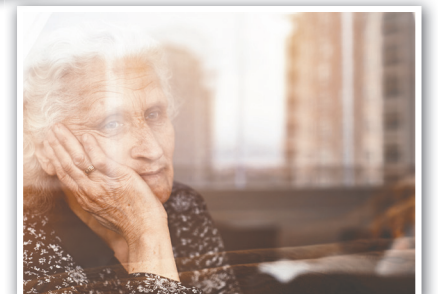


Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Become a Senior Corps volunteer through the RSVP program and use your skills, knowledge, and life experiences to better your community. RSVP is a vibrant, vital, and exciting civic opportunity for people 55+.



Older Adult Protective Services



Our staff investigates abuse, neglect, abandonment, or exploitation. Report Elder Abuse! Phone lines answer 24 hours a day, every day.

Daytime Hotline:
(Monday-Friday)
(814) 459-4581 ext. 205

Evening/Weekend Hotline:
(814) 451-1520

Statewide Toll-Free Hotline:
1-800-490-8505