

# Success Story

Erie County



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## **Disease Intervention Specialists successfully complete ISTDI training**

Brian Adamczyk and Liza Colbert Gabriel, Disease Intervention Specialists with the ECDOH, have successfully completed their Introduction to Sexually Transmitted Disease Intervention (ISTDI) training. This training is held in Albany, NY and takes two weeks to complete.

Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) interview people who are infected with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) to obtain information about the individual's partners and to provide education to the infected person. The Disease Intervention Specialists then locate these partners and encourage each to get tested and treated for STDs. This service decreases STD illness rates in Erie County by targeting and treating those individuals who are infected with a disease or at high risk of infection, thereby stopping the spread of disease. These positions are funded through a grant from NY State.