

# Success Story

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## ECDOH Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic

Erie County has the second largest incoming population of refugees in New York State. Preventing TB disease in these individuals is vital to the well being of our community.

The ECDOH TB Clinic has implemented a new cutting edge treatment regimen to prevent TB infection from becoming TB disease. The old regimen utilized a drug called INH which took nine (9) months of use to help prevent TB infection from becoming TB disease. The new regimen utilizes the drug Rifampin and only takes four (4) months of therapy. Even though Rifampin is more expensive, the completion rate is greater thereby preventing more cases of TB disease in the future. Also, money is saved by only having to complete four nursing visits instead of nine.

Another project that is the ECDOH TB Clinic is involved with concerns victims of human trafficking. TB Clinic staff have developed close relationships with the resettlement agency International Institute. When the Institute takes in new victims of human trafficking, they work with the TB clinic to ensure that these individuals do not have contagious diseases that could be spread to the public.

Both of these projects are crucial to protecting the health of our community.

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