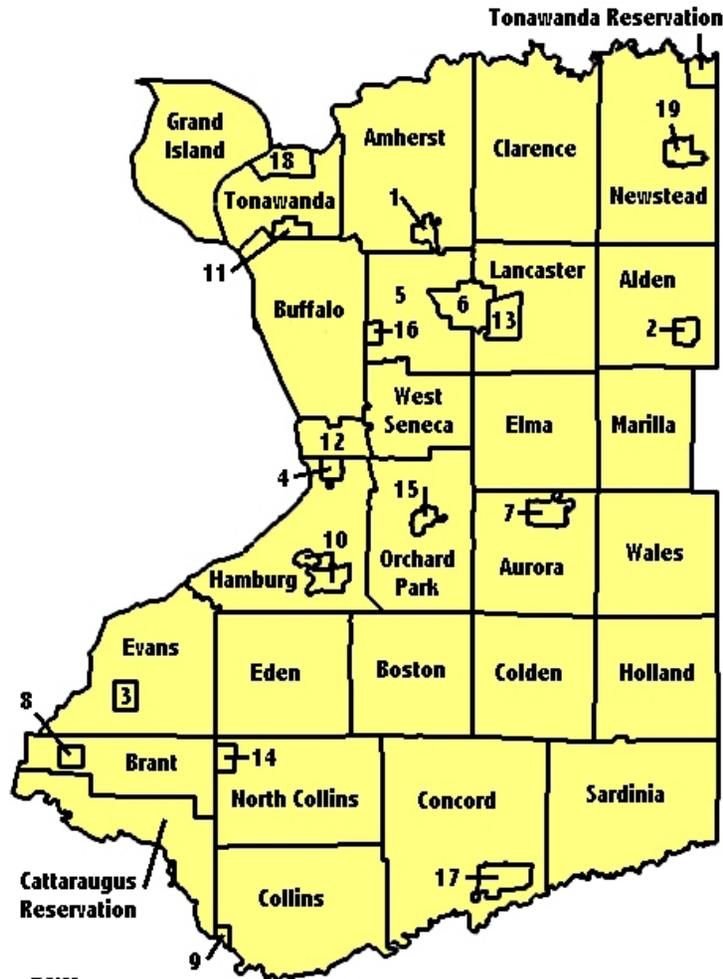


Erie County Municipalities



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| 3. Angola | 13. Lancaster |
| 4. Blasdell | 14. North Collins |
| 5. Cheektowaga (Town) | 15. Orchard Park |
| 6. Depew | 16. Sloan |
| 7. East Aurora | 17. Springville |
| 8. Farnham | 18. Tonawanda (City) |
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| 10. Hamburg | |

Erie County Youth Bureau Community Resource Guide



COUNTY OF ERIE

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Erie County's vision:

Erie County will be a world-class community where
People want to live, Businesses want to locate and
Tourists want to visit.

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Introduction

The Erie County Youth Bureau annually partners with 80 youth-serving agencies to provide a wide array of resources to youth and families throughout Erie County. For the first time, a list of these valuable resources is available to the public through this Erie County Youth Bureau Community Resource Guide. This guide is intended as a resource not only for youth and families, but for the volunteers, staff, counselors, social workers, and resource teams working to positively impact the lives of the more than 267,000 youth living in Erie County. Inside you will find informative links to dozens of positive development programs and services available to youth.

All agencies receiving funding from the Erie County Youth Bureau have been highlighted, including descriptions of what they do, who they serve, and where they operate. You will also find information on the eleven Municipal Youth Bureaus located throughout Erie County. These Youth Bureaus serve young people within their municipalities, and offer an array of quality programming and further connections to youth serving agencies.

On behalf of the Erie County Department of Social Services and the Erie County Youth Bureau, please use this guide as a valuable tool in your search for quality youth programs for young people. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Erie County Youth Bureau at anytime.

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Tonawanda, NY 14150
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TOWN OF TONAWANDA YOUTH BUREAU

2440 Sheridan Drive, Suite 105
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Phone: 716-831-1001

WEST SENECA YOUTH BUREAU

1250 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224
Phone: 716-558-3233

**Erie County Youth Bureau
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ACT FOR YOUTH AT ERIE 1 BOCES

355 Harlem Road
West Seneca, NY 14224
Phone: 716-821-7562

Program Summary:

ACT for Youth provides capacity building to the Buffalo and Erie County Development Partnership in the form of training, technical assistance, consultation, and supportive services to achieve and evaluate the Touchstones Life Area Goals. It fosters cross-system collaboration among schools, government and community organizations to move a positive youth agenda forward. Does not provide direct service to youth.

AFRICAN CULTURAL CENTER OF BUFFALO

350 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209
Phone: 716-884-2013
Website: www.africancultural.org

Program Summary:

The African American Cultural Center has served as a “gatekeeper for urban generations” since 1958, and is a protectorate of the African American experience, promoter of diversity education, bastion of cultural heritage, and champion of African American youth in the City of Buffalo, New York.

The not for profit multipurpose cultural arts performance and education agency was founded by Malcolm Erni to help develop urban Buffalo to its highest potential.

Its core mission is to promote, sponsor and develop programs and services that exhibit an appreciation of and allegiance to African American heritage – and to enhance social behavior among African American youth through multidisciplinary training in the arts.

The African American Cultural Center administers five core programs: the AACC Dance and Drum Performance Company; Paul Robeson Theatre at the African American Cultural Center; AACC Cultural Enrichment / Educational Directives for After School Program; Jumpin’ Jambalaya Summer Program and the Pine Grill Jazz Reunion.

BACK TO BASICS

1370 William Street, Suite 100
Buffalo, NY 14206
Phone: 716-854-1086

Program Summary:

Approximately 100 youth (either court mandated or brought by concerned schools/parents) between the ages of 13-21 will participate with mentors to navigate out of harmful situations. Mentors provide counseling, field trips, and a positive social role model. Academic tutoring, spiritual enrichment, and maintenance of regular school attendance are provided as well. Twice a month, workshops for gang and drug involved youth are held to immerse them in positive, alternative activities. Hours: Monday – Friday 10am – 7pm

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ERIE COUNTY, BE-A-FRIEND PROGRAM, INC.

85 River Rock Drive, Suite 107
Buffalo, NY 14207
Phone: 716-873-5833
Website: www.beafriend.org

Program Summary:

One-to-One mentoring service with children ages 6-16 residing in single parent or dysfunctional home situations. Clients are assessed for external and internal risk factors and assets to determine eligibility for service.

BLOSSOM GARDEN FRIENDS SCHOOL

13961 Sisson Highway
Collins, NY 14034
Phone: 716-532-1004

Program Summary:

Blossom Garden is a small, not-for-profit day school located in rural, southern Erie County. The school provides equivalent education K-12 and sponsors community activities including computer science education for youth and adults, arts activities, alternatives to violence training for youth, career education, reading is fundamental project, and more.

BOB LANIER CENTER

157 Hempstead Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215
Phone: 716-834-2052

Program Summary:

We are an after school drop out prevention program serving youth in Kindergarten through high school. The program operates for 3 hours a day and includes comprehensive ELA tutoring; recreational, sports and

CLARENCE YOUTH BUREAU

10510 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14031
Phone: 716-407-2162
Website: www.clarence.ny.us

Program Description:

The mission of the Town of Clarence Youth Bureau is to provide services, opportunities and resources that promote positive, healthy development among the youth of Clarence.

HAMBURG YOUTH BUREAU

4540 Southwestern Boulevard
Hamburg, NY 14075
Phone: 716-646-9406

Program Description:

The Youth Bureau provides counseling, referral, and youth development/delinquency prevention programs for youth ages 10 to 21 years old. Family counseling is provided for troubled youth and their families.

LACKAWANNA YOUTH BUREAU

714 Ridge Road, Room 216
Lackawanna, NY 14218
Phone: 716-827-6475

LANCASTER YOUTH BUREAU

200 Oxford Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086
Phone: 716-683-4444

Program Description:

Programs offered include: counseling, tutoring, GED Practice Test and Tutoring Program, Youth Court and Community Sanctions Program, mentoring programs, Asset Awareness Program, Health & Wellness Program, Summer Skills Reinforcement and Enrichment Programs, Summer Theater Workshop, Children's Clothes Closet, School Supply Closet, Playgroup for Three Year Olds, Holiday Help to Families in Need.

ORCHARD PARK YOUTH BUREAU

6595 East Quaker Street
Orchard Park, NY 14127
Phone: 716-662-4474

Municipal Youth Bureaus

AMHERST YOUTH BOARD

4255 Harlem Road
Amherst, NY 14226
Phone: 716-631-7215

Website: www.amherst.ny.us

Program Description:

The mission of the Amherst Youth Board is to serve youth and families through youth development, advocacy, prevention, and intervention programs that strengthen family and community. Programs for youth age birth through 20 are offered at multiple locations throughout the Town of Amherst. Visit the website or call the office for specific program offerings.

BUFFALO YOUTH BUREAU

65 Niagara Street, Room 2301
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: 716-851-4165

CHEEKTOWAGA YOUTH & RECREATIONAL SERVICES

275 Alexander Avenue
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Phone: 716-897-7207

Website: www.tocny.org

Program Description:

The Cheektowaga Youth Bureau was established in 1968 to address some of the problems in this growing suburban town. The problems identified at that time were an increase in substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, the rate of high school drop-outs, and a lack of youth development programs.

In the early days of the Youth Bureau, the main focus was on getting youth involved in meaningful activities, which helped the community as a whole. A strong connection between youthful offenders and caring police officers was another priority of the Youth Bureau. The Cheektowaga YES (Youth Engaged in Service) program was started in the 1970's to give youth an opportunity to volunteer for their community and associate with other youth. Since that time, the Town of Cheektowaga has implemented many new youth oriented programs. The Town of Cheektowaga Youth Board has been in operation for 30 years and starting 20 years ago they have invited youth to become members and assist in community decisions.

cultural activities; life skills development including pregnancy prevention and character education; as well as our new career and higher education exploration program (which we hope to extend to parents in the near future). We work with participants to modify their own behavior using William Glasser's Choice Theory. We teach conflict resolution and mediation techniques.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL, INC.)

2860 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14225
Phone: 716-512-6506

Website: www.wnyscouting.org

Program Summary:

We help young people learn to make ethical decisions through the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The Boy Scouts of America builds character, promotes citizenship, and provides avenues for personal growth.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO

282 Babcock Street
Buffalo, NY 14210
Phone: 716-825-1016

Website: www.bgcbuffalo.org

Program Summary:

Our Mission is to provide appropriate and diversified programs and activities that serve to attract and hold area youth to the Clubhouse. We provide environments that teach children the skills needed to build positive lives, attitudes and behaviors.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo provide services to:

- Children between the ages of 6 -18 regardless of race, religion, and culture
- 58% are males and 42% are females
- 75% of these youth come from single head of household families (mother only)
- 45% have three or more siblings
- 85% are classified as "youth at risk." They are at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system and exhibit low self-esteem and poor problem solving skills

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - DEPEW - LANCASTER

5440 Broadway Street
Lancaster, NY 14086
Phone: 716-683-6755

Program Summary:

This program targets 100 at risk youth in grades 3-12 and operates Monday through Friday from 3-6pm, with youth required to attend three hours of structured activities each school day. Programming includes academic support, substance abuse prevention, conflict resolution, work readiness, youth leadership, recreational activities, and summer employment, etc.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST AURORA/SPRINGVILLE

24 Paine Street
East Aurora, NY 14052
Phone: 716-652-4180
Website: www.bgcea.org

Program Summary:

The Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora provides diversified activities that meet the interests of all young people. Core programs encourage activities with adults, peers and family members that enable kids to enhance self-esteem and fulfill their potential. Based on physical, emotional, cultural and social needs and interests of boys and girls, and recognizing developmental principles, the Club offers a wide range of activities from simple games to leadership opportunities. The Club facility is a safe haven in a warm, friendly atmosphere designed specifically for youth programs. Fun is the number one rule for everything that happens at the Club.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EDEN

8284 North Main Street
Eden, NY 14057
Phone: 716-992-2702
Website: www.bgcaofeden.org

Program Summary:

The Boys & Girls Club of Eden offers diverse after-school programming activities to youth in grades 2 – 12 in the five core areas of Character and Leadership Development; Education and Career Development; Health & Life Skills; the Arts; and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. All of our programs are designed to include activities that build supportive relationships, self-confidence, community involvement and self-esteem. Our professional staff makes a connection with our members to help show them the importance of their sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and their power of influence.

- Academic Improvement – Achievement Mentors to assist students struggling at all grade levels
- Student leadership and citizenship – Intensive five week summer training program for 7th graders followed by service learning projects through Grade 8
- Community Action and Awareness – Community coalition support; Parent Drug Awareness Forums; high visibility public awareness campaigns and events

YMCA – WILLIAM EMSLIE

585 William Street
Buffalo, NY 14206
Phone: 716-845-5440
Website: www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org

Program Summary:

Open to ages 1 and up. Full range of wellness, before and after school care (children ages 5-12), summer day camp (children ages 3-12), youth and adult swimming lessons, senior recreational and fitness programming, GED classes, youth mentoring, tutorial services, adult and family fitness classes, birthday parties, large reception rentals, and aquatic fitness classes. Facility includes free parking, outdoor playground, pavilion, outdoor walking track, cardio vascular equipment, free weight machines, high school size gymnasium, locker rooms, sauna, therapeutic pool, and computer learning center. Fees based on program, type of use, and participant economic circumstances. United Way, City of Buffalo, and Erie County supported free programming available.

programming with other service providers. The WSCS purpose is to promote diversity and tolerance of each other, to continue programs, to maintain cooperative working relationships with the community and other service providers.

The WSCS generally provides services that are targeted for minority youth and the senior population. Thus the WSCS has developed special cultural enrichment programs such as the West Side Caribbean Sounds, geared to enlightening the areas youth. Programs are offered to youth ages 6- 21 Monday - Friday, 3-9pm.

WILLIE HUTCH JONES EDUCATIONAL & SPORTS PROGRAMS

411 Olympic Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215

Phone: 716-912-5888

Website: www.WHJSC.org

Program Summary:

The mission of the Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Programs is to provide instruction, at no cost, in fundamental skill development, after school academic refinement, delinquency prevention, finance management, foreign language instruction, character development, and life-time social skills for resilient youth throughout Western New York. Our programs allows its participants to make constructive use of leisure time and refrain from violence and other illegal behaviors; thereby becoming better prepared for employment and to be productive members of society.

WNY UNITED AGAINST DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE, INC.

1195 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14213

Phone: 716-821-7722

Program Summary:

WNY United is a primary substance abuse prevention and education agency designed to train and mobilize local schools and communities to implement evidence-based strategies that prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other dangerous drugs. Utilizing the latest prevention technology, we offer comprehensive, sustained prevention services to high-risk schools and communities that willingly enter into long term partnership agreements with our agency to foster the development of healthy, capable young people.

WNY United partners receive programming in the following areas:

- Life Skills – Research based classroom programming for 3rd – 8th graders

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ELMA, MARILLA, AND WALES

2080 Girdle Road

Elma, NY 14059

Phone: 716-652-9292

Website: www.emwclub.org

Program Summary:

Our mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from two working family members and single parent families, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Every program we run and everything we do should leave all our members with a sense of: Belonging, Usefulness, Competence and Influence. EMW Boys and Girls Club... The POSITIVE Place for Kids.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HOLLAND

51 South Main Street, P.O. Box 25

Holland, NY 14080

Phone: 716-537-9370

Website: www.bgcholland.org

Program Summary:

The B&GC of Holland offers programming in five core areas: Educational Enhancement; Health and Life Skills; the Arts; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; and Civic Engagement. By offering programs in these targeted areas, the B&GC strives to make a huge impact on the lives of the youth we serve, especially those who need us most. As important as the programs are to our youth, it is the relationship they form with our caring adult staff that makes the biggest and deepest impact in the end.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE NORTHTOWNS

54 Riverdale Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14207

Phone: 716-873-9842

Website: www.bgcnt.net

Program Summary:

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northtowns of Western New York, is a non-profit organization committed to promoting an environment for learning, development and recreation for children and teens.

The Riverside and Black Rock neighborhoods are served by five Boys & Girls Clubs Units: the Town Unit at 54 Riverdale, the Charter School for Applied Technologies Unit at 2303 Kenmore Avenue, the Black Rock Unit at 435 Amherst Street, the All Saints Unit at 205 Esser, and the Shaffer Village Unit at 98 Isabelle.

In addition to northwest Buffalo, BGCNT also serves the City of Tonawanda, with its Franklin Unit at 325 Franklin Street and North Tonawanda in the Gilmore Elementary School.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ORCHARD PARK

25 South Lincoln Avenue, PO Box 181

Orchard Park, NY 14059

Phone: 716-667-0841

Website: www.bgclubop.org

Program Summary:

To inspire and enable all youth members to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens through active participation in positive youth development activities during their leisure time.

BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS – Youth Advocacy Program

97 Lemon Street

Buffalo, NY 14204

Phone: 716-856-0363

Program Summary:

The program provides advocacy services to 200 youth (4-20 years old) and their families at school suspension hearings and conferences for the determination of mental and/or learning disabilities to ensure that students' due process rights are upheld within the Buffalo educational system. Youth Advocates replace an attorney and help parents and students understand their rights. (For each suspended student, an advocate will spend 2-4 hours in preparation, representation, documentation, and follow-up.)

BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS – Fun and Learn

97 Lemon Street

Buffalo, NY 14204

Phone: 716-856-0363

Program Summary:

On a daily basis, a core set of activities will occur: snacks; homework assistance with an emphasis on math, reading, and writing; and arts and crafts/ gym sports. Workshops will also be supplemented, with such areas as handwriting, conflict resolution, parent-child activities, and abstinence education, etc. After-school activities will be located at 241 Monroe Street, Buffalo. Hours: Monday – Friday, 2:30-6pm. Saturdays twice per month.

URBAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

967 Jefferson Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14204

Phone: 716-882-9472

Website: www.urbanchristianministries.org

Program Summary:

Offers two after school programs funded by the County. The first program, "Teenage Alternative" services approximately 30 children. This program provides mentorship, academic support, community service activities, literacy/writing workshop, dinner and transportation to teens aged 13-18. The second program, "Kids Club," services approximately 30 children. Kids Club provides kids under the age of 13 with mentorship, academic support, community service activities, dinner, and transportation.

VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

93 Leddy Street

Buffalo, NY 14210

Phone: 716-823-4707

Website: www.thevalleycenter.com

Program Summary:

The Valley Community Association Inc. (VCA) is a non-profit, multi-faceted human service agency located in southeast Buffalo. Founded in 1969, the VCA serves residents of the Buffalo River Community by providing services and programs for all ages including affordable child care, programs and services for senior citizens, family support services, community events, and neighborhood beautification projects.

The VCA's "Striving For Excellence" Youth Program aims to improve student achievement and learning by offering a comprehensive program that includes not only academic remediation but also academic enrichment activities, social and recreational programming, and family services.

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES

161 Vermont Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14213

Phone: 716-884-6616

Program Summary:

The West Side Community Services (WSCS) primary purpose is to operate a multi-cultural community center, which serves the needs of all ethnic and racial groups on the West Side. Our range of human service programs offers opportunities to channel energies and relieve stress through recreation, educational assistance, case management, and drug and alcohol prevention programs and provide resources to develop cooperative

ral from Erie County Department of Social Services (ECDSS). Unable to be left alone with a visiting parent either through drug abuse, domestic violence, abuse and neglect, or risk of kidnapping, these children, many in foster care, are afforded safe, neutral, high quality access at The Salvation Army. We have a beautiful 1500 square-foot visiting facility that is stocked with high quality interactive toys where parents are taught by professional staff those high quality parenting skills and long-term access skills that may possibly reunite them with their children – a decision that will come from Erie County Family Court/ECDSS. Research strongly supports that children who have a positive relationship with both biological parents have significantly lowered rates of school phobias, depression and development of juvenile delinquency and gang involvement.

SCHILLER PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES

2056 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14211
Phone: 716-896-1325

Program Summary:

Schiller Park Community Services provides children from low income households with holistic youth programs encompassing academic enrichment, cultural appreciation, civic responsibility, and personal development. We operate an after school program and a summer day camp. Our programs combine academic support, healthy snacks and meals, peer-directed planning, structured recreational activities, and special events focused on increasing self esteem, developing healthy living practices, instilling drug prevention, and participation in arts and crafts and cultural appreciation.

SENECA BABCOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1168 Seneca Street
Buffalo, NY 14210
Phone: 716-822-5094
Website: www.senecababcock.org

Program Summary:

The Seneca-Babcock Community Association Inc. (VCA) is a nonprofit, multi faceted human service agency located in southeast Buffalo. Founded in 1975, the SBCA serves residents of the community by providing services and programs for all ages.

The SBCA's "Youth Primetime" Program aims to help children and youth demonstrate positive civic engagement as law-abiding, contributing members of their families, schools, and communities by offering comprehensive programs that include not only academic remediation, but also academic enrichment activities, social and recreational programming, and family services.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

741 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: 716-218-1400
Website: www.ccwny.org
Sites:

- 3719 Union Road, Suite 214, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
- 9 East Union Street, Hamburg, NY 14075
- 3370 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14217
- 33 Wilksbarre Avenue, Lackawanna, NY 14218
- 813 Mill Road, West Seneca, NY, 14224

Program Summary:

Program provides counseling and concrete services to 500 "at risk" youth and their families. Services are provided free of charge and include counseling (individual, parent/child, family) case management, and collaboration and coordination with relevant community systems that in-fringe upon youth and their families.

C.E.P.A. GALLERY

617 Main Street # 201
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: 716-856-2717
Website: www.cepagallery.org

Program Summary:

Writing with Light is a comprehensive program that targets at-risk youth living 200% below the poverty line, offering a positive after school and summer arts programming. Students will benefit from positive interactions with peer mentors and professional teaching artists as they learn basic photography and writing skills. Approximately 150 youth ages 8-18 will participate. The program will take place in nine separate eight week sessions. Youth meet twice per week, 3:30-6:30pm, and the dark room/computer room will be open an additional one day per week 3-8pm.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT TREATMENT SERVICES

556 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: 716-886-5437
Website: www.catswny.org

Program Summary:

Provides crisis intervention and group counseling to teens who are victims of abuse and severe neglect.

COMPASS HOUSE

Crisis Shelter:
370 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209
24-hour helpline for services: 716-886-0935

Administrative:
1451 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209
Administrative Phone: 716-886-1351
Client Services Phone (Resource Center): 716-884-3066
Website: www.CompassHouse.org

Program Summary:

The *Resource Center* program provides non-residential, transitional support services for homeless youth ages 14-24, case management services, referral, advocacy, individual counseling, group instruction, independent living skills training and recreational opportunities. The program will serve 250 youth. Hours; Monday – Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm.

The *Crisis Shelter* provides food, shelter, crisis counseling, crisis hotline, family and group counseling, and independent living skills training. The shelter is located at 370 Linwood Avenue and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The only intake requirement is that a young person be 12-17 years of age and without shelter as a result of running away or being homeless.

COMPEER OF GREATER BUFFALO

135 Delaware Avenue, Suite # 210
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: 716-883-3331
Websites: www.compeerbuffalo.org
www.wnymentors.com

Program Summary:

Compeer of Greater Buffalo recruits, screens, trains, matches and monitors volunteers to befriend children, teens, adults and seniors across Erie County who are striving for better mental health. We are proud to provide nationally recognized “Best Practice” Mentoring, as well as evidence-based mentoring and skill building. We have been “Making Friends and Changing Lives” since 1985.

Sites:

- Asarese/Matters Center, 50 Rees Street, Buffalo, NY 14213
- The Hennepin Community Center, 24 Ludington Street, Buffalo, NY, 14220
- JFK Center, 114 Hickory Street, Buffalo, NY 14204
- Lanigan, 150, Fulton Street, Buffalo, NY 14204
- Lincoln Field House, 10 Quincy Street, Buffalo, NY 14212
- Machnica Community Center, 1799 Clinton Street, Buffalo, NY 14206
- Tosh Collins Community Center, 35 Cazenovia, Buffalo, NY 14220

Program Summary:

The Police Athletic League is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) created to provide children with leadership, direction, and opportunity by affording them structured, supervised, and organized activities, opportunities, and programs in a climate which they can accomplish individual and common goals; enabling them to become responsible, successful adults.

The PAL, through open gym programs at seven community centers in Buffalo, provides neighborhood kids with the opportunity of interacting with other area youths in a safe and supervised venue. In addition to open gym and game room activities, Community Center Supervisors organize flag football, basketball, and other programs, set up arts and craft projects, schedule bowling and pool parties and other fun and educational excursion to sporting events, cultural attractions, or field trips to interesting and unique places.

Baseball and basketball leagues, and camps and clinics, are open to youth throughout WNY and interaction between teams from all over Erie County and beyond offers a unique opportunity for some kids to build relationships and learn to get along with people outside of their own environment. Athletic enrichment is only one aspect of PAL programming. The larger issue is to help each child develop life skills in setting goals and working hard to achieve them.

SALVATION ARMY

960 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: 716-883-9800

Program Summary:

The Salvation Army Supervised Visitation Program has operated this program for 30 years as a vital service to Erie County and its community of youth and their families. Our vital and important 25-year partnership with Erie County Department of Youth Services has provided a necessary foundation and shared vision of protecting children at risk while they visit for 1-2 hours per week with an estranged parent through refer-

OLD FIRST WARD COMMUNITY CENTER

62 Republic Streets
Buffalo, NY 14204
Phone: 716-856-8613

Program Summary:

Open 8am to 9pm Monday through Friday. Youth programs from 3-9pm, Monday through Friday. Old First Ward has programs for youth ages 6-19, from Kids Cafe to tutoring, arts & crafts, recreational leagues and service projects. For more information, call 856-8613.

ON THE JOB MINISTRIES

289 Grant Street
Buffalo, NY 14213
Phone: 716-886-2490

Program Summary:

Through Youth Job Training, approximately 20-25 youth ages 16-22 will participate for 3-4 months in a safe hands-on training program. Each young person is hired to complete a specific job at one of three businesses. Training focuses on presentation skills, communication skills, and basic employment know-how. Monday through Saturday, 11am-6pm.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WESTERN NEW YORK

2697 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
Phone: 716-831-2200
Website: www.ppwny.org

Program Summary:

A total of eight (five female and three male) teen pregnancy prevention programs combining to serve 120 teens will be conducted in high need zip codes within Erie County. Each program is 10 weeks in length and meets once per week for a two hour session. All programs are taught by professional trainers and focus on issues such as media literacy, diversity, values and virtues, sexuality, and health. Program delivery is flexible to meet individual agency needs.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF BUFFALO

65 Niagara Square, 21st floor
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: 716-851-4615
Website: www.buffalopal.com

COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN

2558 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216
Phone: 716-823-7248
Website: www.computersforchildren.com

Program Summary:

A program designed to help at-risk youth ages 12-18 learn marketable job skills in the field of computer technology, as well as providing individual development skills. Youth learn about computer hardware concepts in addition to software applications. Hours: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm (afterschool) and 12-6pm (summer). A second site is located at 1799 Clinton St., Buffalo, NY.

CRADLE BEACH CAMP

8038 Old Lakeshore Road
Angola, NY 14006
Phone: 716-549-6307
Website: www.cradlebeach.org

Program Summary:

Cradle Beach is a residential summer enrichment program offered to children ages 8-16, which is done in an overnight summer camp setting. We serve disadvantaged, low-income children and children with disabilities in an inclusive setting.

CRUCIAL HUMAN SERVICES

230 Moselle Street
Buffalo, NY 14211
Phone: 716-895-8891

Program Summary:

C.R.U.C.I.A.L. provides a variety of activities that address the educational, cultural, social and recreational needs of underserved and at-risk youth ages 5 to 20. Through our programs, we provide homework assistance, academic enrichment, science exploration, decision-making skills, leadership abilities and peer-to-peer relationships. As a designated Safe Haven, we allow youth and area residents the opportunity to enjoy a safe place to be productive during critical hours in the day.

DAEMEN COLLEGE

4380 Main Street
 Amherst, NY 14226
 Phone: 716-839-8489
 Website: www.daemen.edu

Program Summary:

Daemen College enrolls approximately 2500 students. Founded on the principle that education should elevate human dignity and foster civic responsibility and compassion, Daemen College has a strong commitment to engagement in our community. The Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement at Daemen College (CSCCE) provides education and resources to the Daemen community, and the community-at-large, about issues of sustainability. The center partners Daemen College students and faculty with local underserved communities to promote a lifetime commitment to civic responsibility, with a focus on building assets for generations to come.

DEHAVAN-GRIDER, METRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

877 East Delavan Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14215
 Phone: 716-896-7021

Program Summary:

The After School Enrichment Program will provide tutoring, homework assistance, educational games, computer training, snacks, dinner, movies, gym, etc. to 80 youth participants ages 5-15. Mon. – Fri. 2:30-6:30pm.

ERIE REGIONAL HOUSING DEV. CORPORATION – FATHER BELLE CENTER

104 Maryland Street
 Buffalo, NY 14201
 Phone: 716-845-0485
 Website: www.thebellecenter.org

Program Summary:

The Belle Center provides programs for family and children from 6 weeks - 24 years with no break in service for these families and children throughout a child's developmental years. Program services include: Daycare (6 weeks old-5 years), School Age Program (5-12 years), 21st Century (6th -12th grade), Buffalo AmeriCorps (17-24 years), ESL/GED, Senior Wellness Program and Food Pantry, to name a few.

The Belle Center serves the City of Buffalo by offering innovative educational, social and community building services to children, youth and families. At our facility, we strive to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere that offers unlimited programs and opportunities for

NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR JUST COMMUNITIES

360 Delaware Avenue, Suite 106
 Buffalo, NY 14202
 Phone: 716-853-9598
 Website: www.nfjcwny.org

Program Summary:

First Time/Last Time program is a time tested effective alternative to incarceration in Erie County designed to assist young men and women between the ages of 16-21 who become involved in the Criminal Justice System for the first time. A countywide program, First Time/Last Time restores young lives through its direct service counseling component and through its established and collaborative referral network. The premise of this youth service program is to reduce the rate of recidivism among the 16-21 year old first offender population and to serve as a conduit for the youth to achieve their maximum potential.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

1005 Grant Street
 Buffalo, NY 14207
 Phone: 716-874-4460
 Website: www.nacswny.org

Program Summary:

The Youth Development Program (YDP) is committed to using appropriate, scientific, research based prevention models that can be integrated with Native American traditional teachings that reinforce prevention messages. The program is designed to strengthen each youth's resiliency assets (life skills, decision making skills, self esteem, etc.) through workshops, activities, and individual support.

NORTH WEST BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER

155 Lawn Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14207
 Phone: 716-876-8108
 Website: www.nwbccinc.org

Program Summary:

Northwest Buffalo Community Center's Youth Services Program offers a full comprehensive program to youth ages 6-19, Mon.-Fri., from 3-10pm.

Program Highlights:

- Academic Improvement (homework assistance, tutoring, etc.)
- Literacy and Computer Literacy
- Community and School Violence Prevention and Intervention Program
- Job Readiness Training
- Structured Recreational Program
- Community Service Program
- Male and Female Only Programs (and Pregnancy Prevention)

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE PROJECT

271 Grant Street

Buffalo, NY 14213

Phone: 716-882-5327

Website: www.mass-ave.org

Program Summary:

The mission of the Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP) is to work with disadvantaged youth and adults to increase access to affordable nutritious food, and promote local economic opportunities to nurture the growth of a diverse and equitable community food system. MAP's Growing Green program employs and trains youth ages 14-20 in sustainable urban agriculture, food systems, and micro-enterprise and community leadership. Growing Green youth currently help run an organic urban farm on Buffalo's West Side, a Mobile Market, a youth enterprise business and many other program activities. Our program activities aim to build knowledge, skills, connections and confidence for at-risk youth.

MICE (MESZAROS INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP)

PO Box 1087

Buffalo, NY 14221

Phone: 716-830-6039

Website: www.mice-us-foundation.com

Program Summary:

The Meszaros International Center of Entrepreneurship (MICE) is designed to foster greater opportunities for Western New York students. MICE was developed and remains in partnership with the State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Management. The Entrepreneurship Training Program helps students take charge of their future by learning the skills necessary for personal success. Our mission is to develop promising, open-minded young people from diverse backgrounds for a lifelong commitment to sensitive and responsible leadership for the betterment of their communities and the world. MICE provides high school students with a unique entrepreneurship/leadership training program that encourages tolerance, self-determination, business ethics, and innovation. Students participating in the program meet for three hours a week for 20 weeks at the University of Buffalo. Fifteen of those weeks consist of a classroom course, in which students are taught and mentored through various lectures, readings, group projects, public speaking, guest speakers, and professional teachers, as well as receiving video- and computer-assisted instruction. After the first 15 weeks are completed, the students then undergo a 5-week intensive business plan workshop and competition that serves as a capstone to the classroom instruction. The business plan competition is judged by business professionals and is followed by a graduation ceremony.

community members of all ages to partake in. We have programs such as The Belle Child Care Center, S.A.C.C- grades K-8th, 21st Century Community Learning Center, Big Brother Big Sister, The Belle After-School program-ages 13-21, Buffalo AmeriCorps, Buffalo Recovery Corps, The Portal, Senior Wellness program, A.I.D.S Testing, Food Pantry, the Adult Education Center and more. Join us today!

FIRST HAND LEARNING

2495 Main Street, Suite 556

Buffalo, NY 14214

Phone: 716-831-8722

Website: <http://www.firsthandlearning.org/sciencefirsthand.html>

<http://journal.firsthandlearning.org/home/>

Program Summary:

The Science Firsthand Collaborative of Buffalo has all the tools for connecting youth to science every day after school. Our member centers have lab spaces, science equipment, program managers, volunteer mentors and the kids' own questions (that's what drives the investigations). Science Firsthand – Partners in Discovery does science on a small scale by partnering adults with children to explore the world once a week for an hour or more. Community center directors say that Science Firsthand's mentoring approach to learning allows their youth to develop healthy relationships with adults and to increase their understanding of the world through firsthand experience.

FLARE PROGRAM – FILLMORE LEROY AREA RESIDENTS

307 Leroy Street

Buffalo, NY 14215

Phone: 716-838-6740

Website: www.flarebuffalo.org

Program Summary:

Fillmore-Leroy Area Residents, Inc. is a housing and human services agency which offers programs for seniors, adults and youth. Our youth programs consist of an After School Program and a Summer Day Camp. Some of the components of our youth programs include tutoring, homework help, structured recreation, conflict resolution/peaceful alternatives to violence program, field trips, and computer/literacy technology. Our After School Program runs Monday through Friday, 2:30-6pm during the school year. The Summer Day camp operates the months of July and August, Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm.

FRANCISCAN CENTER

1910 Seneca Street
Buffalo, NY 14210
Phone: 716-822-8017
Website: www.franciscancenterinc.org

Transitional Independent Living Program

An eight voluntary bed Transitional Independent Living Program for males ages 16 through 20, providing: shelter, food, clothing, intense case management, Independent Living Skills, LIFE STEPS (emotional issues), guidance, and counseling. Maximum stay is 18 months. Call for an intake interview. Bring all personal identification. Youth under age 18 will need parent/guardian approval. No fees for services. Staff assists youth in developing an Individual Service Plan with short and long-term goals. We serve about 40 youth per year. Staffed 24/7/365.

The Franciscan Center Supported Residence

A facility for males ages 16 through 20, which more closely resembles actual independent living. Voluntary program with no fees for services. Three suites are available with shared common areas. No minimum stay; maximum 18 months. Youth under 18 will need parent/guardian approval. Appropriate personal identification needed. Most residents for this program spent time in our Transitional Independent Living Program. Individual Service Plan required with ongoing Case Management, and continued Independent Living Skills as needed provided by Case Manager. Residents must be highly motivated and adhere to program rules. Residents must be enrolled in educational program and/or employed. Counseling is available for those who wish.

GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

70 Jewett Ave
Buffalo, NY 14214
Phone: 716-837-6400
Website: www.gswny.org

Program Summary:

The Girl Scouts of Western New York builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The Rural and Urban Learning Experience, RULE, provides Girl Scout leadership experience and programs to girls while promoting interaction with positive adult role models. The program increases the leadership skills of girls in underserved communities throughout Erie County. Troop based activities that have been enriched with the Second Step violence prevention curriculum are delivered during the school year. 650 girls ages 5-17 participate for one hour once per week. Hours: Monday – Friday, 3-7pm.

Program Summary:

Our mission is to improve the well being of families in Buffalo and Erie County by providing reading, English language learning and literacy services to anyone wishing to improve their literacy skills. We achieve this through recruiting, training and supporting a dedicated group of volunteers who work one-on-one with adults or children as tutors and mentors. We serve youth who have failing grades in school and who perform below their grade level. These youth typically read below their grade level and come from economically disadvantaged families. Literacy Volunteers changes lives, word by word.

LT. MATT URBAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Administrative:
1081 Broadway Street
Buffalo, NY 14212
Phone: 716-893-7222
Website: www.urbanctr.org
Sites:

- 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo NY 14212
- 129 Lewis Street, Buffalo, NY 14206

Program Summary:

The Matt Urban Community Center will provide an after school program of educational and recreational services for 289 youth ages 6-18 years of age. This program includes tutoring services, individual counseling sessions, and life skills workshops, parenting workshops and information and referral services and organized recreation activities. Hours: Monday – Friday, 3-8pm.

MAKING FISHERS OF MEN AND WOMEN

30 18th Street
Buffalo, NY 14213
Phone: 716-228-5827

Program Summary:

This program will serve 40 youth ages 13 to 20 from 3-8pm weekdays. The program offers scheduled homework assistance, reading development, career and financial literacy classes, pre-employment skills, recreational activities, and field trips.

LEADERSHIP BUFFALO INC.

237 Main Street, Suite 1500
 Buffalo, NY 14203
 Phone: 716-849-2626
 Website: www.leadershipbuffalo.org

Program Summary:

Youth Leadership Erie County is a year-round youth leadership and service learning program for high school sophomores and juniors from across Erie County. Through an application process, the program assembles a diverse group of students who have leadership potential representing public and private schools, community based organizations, and the nonprofit community. Youth Leadership Erie County works to build a foundation of leadership skills, to create an awareness of community issues, to develop an appreciation for diversity, and to instill a commitment to lifelong involvement in community service.

LEAP OF WNY (LITERACY EMPOWERMENT ACTION PLAN)

3200 Elmwood Avenue, Suite #214
 Buffalo, NY 14217
 Phone: 716-873-0429
 Website: www.leapofwny.org

Program Summary:

LEAP of WNY has rapidly demonstrated a record of effectiveness as a leader and service provider in literacy assessment and instruction in the Buffalo area. The staff members of LEAP are education professionals with advanced degrees in literacy and combined experience in literacy education of over 34 years. LEAP of WNY is an approved SES (Supplemental Educational Services) provider and many of our tutors are certified teachers. Our services include reading assessment and instruction, academic tutoring, family literacy, health literacy, critical literacy, and professional development for other service providers. To date, the staff has served the community by providing twenty-three programs with documented success.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY

1313 Main Street
 Buffalo, NY 14209
 Phone: 716-876-8991
 Website: www.literacybuffalo.org

GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER

3242 Main Street
 Buffalo, NY 14214
 Phone: 716-832-1010
 Website: www.uhcda.org

Program Summary:

Gloria J. Parks Community Center has been serving Buffalo's University community since 1992, offering a diverse array of services for all ages, including housing assistance, youth programming, athletics, education and senior programs. Programs are offered year round, with changing classes and new activities being presented throughout the year. Gloria Parks also hosts block clubs and community organizations that provide services to the neighborhood.

HASEK'S HEROES – DOMINIK HASEK YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE

2607 Niagara Street, Riverside Rink
 Buffalo, NY 14207
 Phone: 716-875-4820
 Website: www.HaseksHeroes.org

Program Summary:

The Dominik Hasek Youth Hockey League, Inc. known as Hasek's Heroes provides children from low to moderate-income families that reside in the City of Buffalo with the opportunity to learn basic skating and hockey skills and, for those with the aptitude and commitment the opportunity to participate in a tiered hockey development program that will enable them to participate in competitive high school hockey. Hasek's Heroes partners with the public school system and will promote academic achievement as an integral component of athletics. First and foremost, Hasek's Heroes intends to provide a foundation of athletic development and educational support that will enable these children to achieve their future goals. Our focus may be on teaching children ice hockey, but our ultimate goal is to make a real difference in their lives.

HAVEN HOUSE – CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

PO Box 451 Ellicott Station
 Buffalo, NY 14205
 Phone: 716-884-6002
 Website: www.cfsbny.org

Program Summary:

Haven House provides emergency shelter services for domestic violence victims and their children as well as a 24 hour hotline (716-884-6000) serving Erie County. We also provide non-residential services for victims of domestic violence.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE (HCA)

26 Jamestown Street (after 6/1/10: 1 School Street, Gowanda)

Gowanda, NY 14070

Phone: 716-532-1010

Website: www.communityalliance.org

Program Summary:

The Healthy Community Alliance's Rural Youth Counseling Program (RYCP) and Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) provide free services to rural, at-risk children and their families with little or no access to needed services. For an appointment call 716-532-6040 and leave contact information. HCA is a nonprofit rural health network established in 1996 and serves some 113,000 residents in portions of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Wyoming counties. With a mission to improve quality of life in rural communities through broad-based, inclusive partnerships that support wellness and prevention, the Alliance focuses on programs and services that address chronic disease awareness, prevention, and management including physical activity and nutrition, and youth mental health.

HEART FOUNDATION

1131 Kensington Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14215

Phone: 716-834-0080

Program Summary:

Approximately 275 young people between the ages of 16-20 will be served through this program, which provides intervention, educational support, and job readiness training to court-involved youth. The court contracted case manager will provide screening, compliance monitoring, intervention services, anger management, and skills building. Youth will participate for a minimum of ten weeks in the job readiness component. Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 6:30pm

HISPANICS UNITED OF BUFFALO

254 Virginia Street

Buffalo, NY 14201

Phone: 716-856-7110

Program Summary:

Youth development program, which provides life skills workshops, social skills, Girls and Boys Clubs, and Job Readiness Training (ages 10-20).

JERICHO ROAD MINISTRIES

184 Barton Street

Buffalo, NY 14213

Phone: 716-348-3000

Website: www.jrm-buffalo.org

Program Summary:

The Focused Learning for Youth afterschool program works with refugee students in grades six to eight to provide homework help, improve literacy, and create opportunities for enrichment. While our program is educational, we at Jericho Road Ministries believe that it is important to support students emotionally and socially through interactions with staff and service learning students from local colleges and universities.

KING URBAN LIFE CENTER

938 Genesee Street

Buffalo, NY 14211

Phone: 716-891-7912

Program Summary:

The After-School Technology Training Program provides computer training for youth ranging in ages from 9 – 18 years old. The youth use an online Academic Tutoring Program “Skills Tutor” and they use Microsoft Office Word 2007, to create word processing documents (reports, resumes, poems, newsletters and letters). They also create slide show presentations using Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007; incorporating text, digital and scanned images, audio and video clips. The Program runs Monday – Thursday, from 3:30-6:30pm, with snacks. There are three sessions held: January – May, June – August, September – December. This program helps to close the digital divide on the East Side providing the youth in the community access to the latest technology programs and Internet access.

LACKAWANNA SPORTS & EDUCATION

51 Ingham Ave. PO BOX 65

Lackawanna, NY 14218

Phone: 716-826-9371 or 825-8966

Program Summary:

Program provides community with meaningful educational and recreational activities such as sports, field trips, self-esteem seminars dealing with peer pressure and drug/alcohol abuse, computer skills training, and scholarship and higher education process instruction. Program will promote a sense of community and character development through team work, discipline, integrity and sportsmanship. 254 youth ages 6 to 20 years will participate in after school tutoring programs from 6-10pm.