We Needed A Change in Our Approach to the Issue of Violence in the Community
Any Change Required Broad Collaboration -Across Disciplines-

A recognition that Violence is Traumatic and has Consequences Across the Community
UnifiedErie:

* Prevention
* Enforcement
* Reentry
PREVENTION

How do we keep our kids safe in Erie?
Five Phases of CTC

Phase 1: Getting Started
Phase 2: Organizing, Introducing, Involving
Phase 3: Developing a Community Profile
Phase 4: Creating a Community Action Plan (CAT)
Phase 5: Implementing & Evaluating the CAT

Big Picture
- Protective Factors
- Risk Factors
### How This Relates to Violence...

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Prevention

QUICK DIRECTORY OF EVIDENCED BASED PROGRAMS

Program Name: Mini Grant Program
Purpose: To provide funding for evidence-based programs that address neighborhood development, and to improve the quality of life for residents.

Program Name: Good Neighbor Awards
Purpose: To recognize and celebrate the efforts of individuals and organizations that contribute to the well-being of their neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Resource Organization

Empowering the Erie area one neighborhood at a time.

Purpose: Provide support to community groups/watches/associations and their efforts to improve their individual neighborhoods. Support includes:

Mini Grant Program & Good Neighbor Awards

SAVE THE DATE
4th Annual YOUTH WORK AWARDS
Nominations are NOW OPEN for the 2017 Youth Work Awards!
Go to: http://www.innere.org/YPWAGOVERNATE

If you take me to worship... I will be less likely to commit a violent crime.
ENFORCEMENT

How do we lead the way for positive change in Erie?
A Realization that Less than 1% of the entire population in the city is involved in violent incidents.
Enforcement

- Problem Oriented Policing
- Foot/Bike Patrols
- Mobile Precinct
- Fugitive Taskforce
- Gun Crime Working Group
- Chronic Violent Offenders
- Lethality Assessment Program
GVRS/Call In Meetings

- Violence will no longer be tolerated.
- A genuine offer of help is being made available.
- The next group gets law enforcement focus.
- We want to help.
- SAFE, ALIVE, & OUT OF PRISON.

Speakers
  • Moral Voice, Civic Leader, Police Chief, Prosecutor
  State and Federal, Former Offender, Impact of
  Violence Voice, Social Service Advocate
RE-ENTRY

How can we assist those caught in the revolving door?
Re-Entry

ISSUES IDENTIFIED:

• Transportation
• Housing
• Employment
• Education/Job Training
• MENTORING

Creation of the
Erie County Reentry Services & Support Alliance (ECRSSA)
The mission of the ECRSSA is to provide support and services to transitioning clients through an intentional network of community and faith-based organizations in partnership with the criminal justice system.
Traditional Model of Providing Services to Transitioning Clients

Community Assets Available to Help

Available Network of Helpful Resources

Transitioning Client in Need of Support and Services
ECRSSA Model
Case Managers, Client Advocates and Mentors Guide TC to Services

Community Assets Available to Help
The Overall Impact on Crime...
**ECRSSA IMPACT RECIDIVISM**

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**New Charges Offense Categories**

- **21%** Drugs
- **19%** Other
- **16%** Disorderly Conduct
- **12%** Simple Assault
- **5%** Aggravated Assault
- **6%** Burglary
- **6%** Harassment
- **2%** Firearms
- **1%** Terroristic Threats
- **2%** Robbery
- **3%** Strangulation
- **2%** Criminal Attempted Homicide
- **1%** Kidnapping
- **2%** Involuntary Manslaughter
GVRS IMPACT 2017-2019

• 70% of individuals who have attended a “call in” had **not had ANY new charges** following a “call in”.

• 93% of individuals who have attended a “call in” had **not had any new charges for violent offenses or firearms** following a “call in”.

"I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY SOMEBODY DIDN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. THEN I REALIZED I AM SOMEBODY."