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GECAC to Administer Erie Summer JAM 2016

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is pleased to announce the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) has been selected to administer the Erie Summer Jobs and More Program in 2016.

The Summer Jobs and More (JAM) Program was designed to enhance the employability of youth in Erie County and provide practical exposure to future career paths. Launched in the spring of 2014, the JAM Program is a collaborative effort of the County of Erie, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, and the Erie Community Foundation. The program includes soft-skills training and job placement focused on local high priority occupations.

“Summer jobs are more than a paycheck. They can establish connections for a career path, provide mentorship, and grow an appreciation for the value of education. Summer jobs also help a young person develop a good work ethic,” noted County Executive Dahlkemper. She has asked Gary N. Lee, Director of Administration, to oversee this initiative for the County.

“We are thankful that employers have answered the call to provide the invaluable experience of a first job to the youth of Erie County. The work continues. We welcome others to open doors to first jobs and help young people enter the workforce,” said Lee.

Summer JAM 2015 included participation from over 40 employers and over 130 eligible applicants, age 16 – 21 years, in Erie County.

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