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Erie County Continues to Assure Programs and Services State Budget Impasse Matches Historic 101-Day Mark

Erie, PA - County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and her administration today reiterated their commitment to continue to provide critical human services programs to residents in Erie County, even as the state budget impasse now stretches beyond the 101-day impasse of 2009.

The County of Erie will take every step necessary to ensure core services including children and youth, drug and alcohol programs and mental health and intellectual disability programs remain available to those who need them.

“We are taking the necessary steps to make sure the most vulnerable citizens and their families continue to receive services that are essential to their wellbeing. Further, we continue to plan accordingly as the fiscal year comes to a close,” noted Dahlkemper.

The county fiscal year runs January 1 to December 31 and counties are required by law to begin preparing budgets in September to meet the December 31 adoption timeline.

“The lack of a viable commonwealth budget is a looming concern as Erie County faces the challenge of crafting a responsible budget without confirmation of the levels of state funding slated for 2016. With that in mind, we are seeking a resolution to the state budget impasse that assures funding levels adequately meet the level of need,” added Dahlkemper.

Most notably, the administration urges that any initiatives that would complicate child welfare funding must be removed from consideration. Such measures would endanger the ability of the Erie County Office of Children and Youth to meet the mandates for child safety.

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