



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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### **Erie County programs honored by National Association of Counties**

Erie, PA – Four County of Erie programs have been recognized with 2017 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The annual awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

The following Erie County programs were recognized:

- **From the Erie County Office of Drug & Alcohol Abuse:** “Project: It’s Time!” received an Achievement Award in the Human Services category. The program worked to deter prescription drug misuse by distributing prescription bottle timer caps to the public.
- **From the Erie County Department of Health:** Two programs were recognized. The Pollinator Garden, which received an Achievement Award in the Civic Engagement and Public Information category, is a collaboration with the Erie County Extension that involves the construction of a pollinator-friendly garden outside the Department of Health offices on West Second Street. A second program, “Making a Difference: Responding to HIV and STD Rates in our Community,” received an Achievement Award in the Health category. This program included a condom distribution program to reduce rates of HIV and STD transmission in the community.
- **From the Erie County Public Library:** “Singing Along: Creating a Local Artist Music Collection” received an Achievement Award in the Libraries category. Through this program, library staff created a collection of local music and launched a monthly open-mic Talent Share program. CDs of the local music area available to the public.

"I am incredibly proud of our Erie County staff for the work they do every day to serve the residents of our county, and I am gratified that their work is being recognized by the National Association of Counties," said Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper. "It is particularly notable that Erie County received recognition in four distinct categories, which reflects the breadth of programs that we have developed to help serve all corners of our community."

Nationally, awards are given in 18 categories. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

NACo will recognize this year's award-winning counties at its 2017 Annual Conference and Exposition July 21-24 in Franklin County, Ohio.

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