

PROGRAM	OVERVIEW
TRADITIONAL HOUSING	Homeless women with or without children. Provide temporary housing up to 12 months in Erie DAWN designated apartments. Case management includes life skills, budgeting, debt reduction/repair, employment search if needed, mentoring, personal goal setting. Goal is to move participants into permanent housing with the skills to sustain this housing.
HOMELESS PREVENTION	Assisting families within Erie County maintain their permanent housing to avoid homelessness. Provide rental assistance with case management to identify obstacles that are hindering participants to maintain permanent housing.
PERMANENT HOUSING	Assisting women to secure permanent housing while offering stream-lined case management services to assure housing stability.
INTERVENTION	Educating, support and assessment services for current participants and graduates who have drug and alcoholissues or have been impacted by drugs and alcohol.
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES	Participants can attend classes such as: Safety Planning/Self Defense, Trauma Based Yoga, Life Skills Training, Strengthen Communication, Healthy Living and Family Skills Building. Community experts are brought in to support the enrichment topics.
MENTORING	A mentor is a friend of Erie DAWN who offers guidance, friendship, and support to her assigned participant.
CASE MANAGEMENT	Individualized based on the needs of each participant. Communication is essential to optimize the outcomes.



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#### Who we are:



Founded in 1995 as a shared ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St. Joseph, Erie DAWN addresses the

underlying root causes of homelessness by working with women to build assets-both tangible and intangible-for their future. Our goal is to provide homeless women and their children with a home while giving them the supports, resources, and tools they need to achieve economic self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

#### What we do:

- Assist families to secure and maintain permanent housing.
- Work with families to identify obstacles that hinder them from remaining in permanent housing.
- Promote a Culture of Health and Wellness that includes health, housing and economic stability that allows a family to thrive not just survive.

## Why it works:

Housing is the first step on the road to self-sufficiency. Through relationships with landlords, mentors, volunteers, and various agencies the families receive support, resources, and tools they need to achieve economic self-sufficiency and permanent

housing.

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