

2017 Expenses: Program Services and Housing...........\$346,972 Management and General Expenses...........\$117,914 Fundraising................\$36,132 \$501,018

Who we are:

Founded in 1995 as a shared ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict, 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.

Who we serve:

Erie DAWN welcomes any adult woman who meets the following guidelines:

- Is single and homeless, with or without children, and has a job earning a minimum of \$1000 a month.
- Is committed to following strict guidelines.
- Has rehabilition in place for any mental health, drug or alcohol issues and is drug free.

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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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 alcohol issues or have been impacted by drugs and alcohol.
FAMILY CIRCLES	Families that participate in a 13-14 weekly or biweekly program. Staff and volunteers instruct groups, broken down based on age, on topics such as uniqueness, good communication, facts about alcohol, drugs and tobacco, nutrition. Incentives are offered to those who participate weekly. Meals are provided. Outside sources such as speakers and artists are brought in to support the topics.
MENTORING	A mentor is a friend of Erie DAWN who offers guidance, friendship and support to her assigned participant. Regular communication with the mentor is required.
CASE MANAGEMENT	Individualized based on the needs of each participant. Communication is essential to optimize the outcomes.