

2:00- 3:15 E. *"Local Community Initiatives to Combat Adolescent Drug Use, Juvenile Crime and Street Violence"*

Convenor/Participant: Gary Neal Horton, Assistant to the Mayor, The City of Erie

Participants: Gregory E. Martin, Chief Fire Inspector, Bureau of Fire, The City of Erie; Joe Jaruszewicz, Project DARE, The Erie City Police Department; Jackie Nwokeji, Juvenile Officer, The Erie City Police Department; Bobby Harrison, Executive Director John F. Kennedy Center, Inc.; Dale Barney, Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department.

F. *"Active Parental Involvement: Local Youth Service Providers, Community and Program Initiatives"*

Convenor/Moderator: Karen Gilbert
The First Presbyterian Church of The Covenant

Participants: Charles Kennedy, ACT 101 Counselor Mercyhurst College; Gwendolyn Cooley, Parent Involvement Specialist, School District of The City of Erie; Mary Dance, Program Director, Holy Trinity Community Center; Erie Area Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Representative; Joan Kramzer, Achievement Center.

G. *"Adolescents, Drug Abuse and Sexually Transmitted Diseases"*

Convenor/Moderator: Carolyn M. Beck, MPH, Epidemiological Investigator, Erie County Department of Health.

Participants: Edward J. Powers, Sexually Transmissible Disease Program Director, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Centers for Disease Control, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; R. Anthony Snow, M.D., Medical Director, John F. Kennedy Health Care Services; Medical Director, Erie County Department of Health; Captain and Flight Surgeon, United States Air Force Reserves; Brenda Sowry, R.N., Communicable Disease Supervisor, Erie County Department of Health; Curtis Wadlington, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer of BEBASHI (Blacks Educating Blacks About Sexual Health Issues) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

H. *"Adolescent Risk Taking Behaviors: A Framework for Prevention Interventions"*

Convenor/Moderator: Bonnie Cummings, Director Information & Referral Division, United Way of Erie County

Participants: Deborah Gabler-Monohon, Program Director AIDS Council of Erie County, Inc.; Allen Sweet, Assistant Health Director, AIDS Instruction and Emergency Medical Technician American Red Cross; Charles Ballard, Executive Director **The Teen Father Program**: A Family Service, Cleveland, Ohio.

3:15- 3:30 **Afternoon Break**

3:30- 5:00 **Afternoon Panel**

"Effective Literacy Programs Implemented In Various Communities: Problems, Strategies and Solutions"

Introductions/Moderator: Carol Gleichsner, ACT 101 Counselor Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Guest Panelists: Cynthia Johnston, Department Head Adult Basic Education, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, North Carolina; The Friendly Place (Appointed Representative), New York, New York; Dr. Richard Gacka, Literacy Council, Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5; Joseph Mando, Instructor, Adult Learning Center; Charlene Salvia, Counselor, Adult Learning Center.

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Adolescent Development Task Force

MISSION STATEMENT

The Adolescent Development Task Force is a group of caring people who seek to assist and support parents, schools, and churches in developing potentials of the adolescent. As individual persons and agencies, we seek to support adolescents in life decisions concerning self, family relationships, friends, education, career planning, loving care and nurture of children, and to alleviate the pressures put upon our adolescents in today's society.

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Schedule

8:15- 8:45 Registration/Morning Coffee

8:45- 9:00 Welcome

The Honorable Fred P. Anthony,
Juvenile Court Administrative Judge for the Sixth
Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

9:00- 9:45 Keynote Address

**Guest Speaker: Charles Ballard, Executive Director
THE TEEN FATHER PROGRAM:**
A Family Service, Cleveland, Ohio

“Psycho-Social Problems of Adolescents”

Introduction/Moderator: Bonnie Cummings, Director
Information & Referral Division,
United Way of Erie County

9:45-10:00 Morning Break

10:00-11:15 Morning Panel

*“Juvenile Crime and Delinquency: Community Action
Prevention Strategies”*

Introductions/Moderator: Gery T. Nietupski, Esquire
Law Firm Partner:
Elderkin, Martin, Kelly & Messina, P.C.

Guest Panelists: Cherie Kinem, Boys and Girls Club
of Erie, Inc.; Michael Fraley, Boys and Girls Club
of Erie, Inc.; Danny Jones, Youth Diversion Pro-
gram/Community Youth Program Coordinator,
GECAC; Dr. Anita Howard, Director, Paint Creek
Youth Center, A New Life Services Program, Bain-
bridge, OH; Elizabeth Robbins, Educational Director,
Lloyd McCorkle Training School for Boys and Girls,
Skillman, New Jersey.

11:15-12:30 Late Morning Plenary Session

Guest Speaker: Curtis Wadlington, Executive Assis-
tant to the Chief Executive Officer for BEBASHI
(Blacks Educating Blacks About Sexual Health Issues),
Philadelphia, PA

*“Strategies for Addressing Teen Sexuality Risk Tak-
ing Behaviors”*

Introduction/Moderator: Mr. Homer L. Smith, Jr.,
E.E.O./Labor Compliance Officer, The City of Erie

12:30- 1:45 Lunch

Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Lewis M. Evans
First Covenant's Fifth Senior Pastor
The First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
Speaker Introduced By Karen Gilbert, Board Member
Adolescent Development Task Force of Erie County
and Youth Services Program Director, The First
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

2:00- 3:15 Workshop Sessions

A. *“Effective Ways to Address the School Dropout
Problem”*

Convenor/Participant: Sally Koehler, Dropout Pre-
vention Coordinator, School District of The City of Erie;
Ronald Ponporiero, Assistant Principal, Strong Vin-
cent High School, School District of The City of Erie;
The Honorable Joseph A. Weindorf, District Justice
The Erie County Court of Common Pleas, District
06-2-01; Tony De'John, Truancy Supervisor, Erie
County Office of Children & Youth; Marnie Brown,
Dropout Prevention Specialist, Seneca High School,
Wattsburg School District.

B. *“Comprehensive Approaches to Drug and Alcohol
Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Among
Adolescents”*

Convenor/Moderator: Thomas Kern, Treatment Super-
visor GECAC Drug & Alcohol Services Network

Participants: Sue Lueteran, Intervention Specialist,
Hamot Recovery Center; Steven Simmelkjaer, Director
of Programming, Perseus House, Inc.; Carol
Trohoske, Prevention Specialist, GECAC Drug &
Alcohol Services Network; Robert Oliver, Drug &
Alcohol Program Facilitator, School District of The
City of Erie.

C. *“Comprehensive Solutions to Prevent Adolescent
Pregnancy”*

Convenor/Moderator: Jeanne Bender, Student
Pregnancy and Parenting Program, School District of
The City of Erie

Participants: Charleen Sertz, March of Dimes Chapter
Director Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter; Carol Gor-
don, Executive Director, Florence Crittenton Services;
Rose Barr, Adoption Caseworker, Family Services;
Debora Jamison, Outreach Coordinator, Erie County
WIC Program; Linda Pope, Parent of Adolescent
Parent; Meg Flinn, Health Teacher/Academy High
School, School District of The City of Erie; Sally
Guagliardi, Health Teacher/Roosevelt Middle School,
School District of The City of Erie; Leslie Hawthorne,
Counselor/Social Worker, Family Planning Services
of Erie County; Sandra McIntire, Social Worker,
Primary Health Care Services of Northwest Penn-
sylvania; Rubye Jenkins-Husband, Associate Director,
John F. Kennedy Center, Inc.; Mary Alice McGin-
nis, CRNP, Unit Nursing Director/Clinic Services,
Hamot Medical Center; The Reverend Stanley Smith,
Youth Director, Shiloh Baptist Church.

D. *“Improving the Employment Prospects of At-Risk
Youth”*

Convenor/Moderator: Melissa Jane Mizner, Catholic
Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, Inc.

Participants: Dave DiBacco, GECAC Summer Youth
Employment and Training Program; Dr. Stephen Bar-
rett, Director Career Assessment Center; Leslie
DeFranc, GECAC Training Institute; Naomi Minor,
SPOC Program, Erie County Board of Assistance; Paul
Modzelewski, New Directions, Employment and
Training Program, Erie County Board of Assistance.

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Mission Statement and Philosophy

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Adolescence is the time of seeking and establishing one's identity. A person's body, emotions, and beliefs are intensely affected, often resulting in confusion and frustration. Such a time is a time for help, nurture, recognition, and affirmation.

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CONFERENCE STEERING COMMITTEE:

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| Carolyn M. Beck | Thomas Kern |
| Jeanne Bender | Sally Koehler |
| Vera Lee Byrd | The Reverend Barry Lewis |
| Tina Christiansen | Becky Malinowski |
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Please Rank Order Your Choice Of Workshop (A-H, 1-8):
Workshop A _____ Workshop B _____ Workshop C _____ Workshop D _____

Workshop E _____ Workshop F _____ Workshop G _____ Workshop H _____

Please Indicate Your Meal Choice For Lunch (Please Select Only One):

- _____ Cheese & Broccoli Quiche, Raw Carrot Garnish, Jello Salad & Cake
- _____ Creamed Chicken on Biscuits, Cooked Vegetables, Jello Salad & Cake
- _____ Meatloaf, Cooked Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes & Cake

Conference Fee is \$25.00 plus \$6.50 (Luncheon Fee). Please mail your check for \$31.50 to: The Adolescent Development Task Force of Erie County, Post Office Box 3123, Erie, Pennsylvania 16508.

Registrations will not be accepted on the day of the conference. There will be no refunds for the conference fee. The conference is limited to the first 150 paid registrations (All others will be placed on a waiting list). Please make all checks payable to The Adolescent Development Task Force.

To All Prospective Participants

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language can be quoted as stating that a conference is *"the act of conversing or consulting on a serious matter—a formal meeting of a number of people for discussion or consultation."* Yet, to many of us, this conference will be something more than simply conversing on a serious matter or a formal meeting of a number of people gathered together for discussion purposes. This conference will be a compilation which will serve as a record of activities describing, not merely what Erie County services have meant to our children and adolescents, but what our youth represent to the entire Erie County community.

At the beginning of the new year, and throughout, many members of the community have been looking at those issues which have affected our youth. It is apparent that there are programs currently in place to serve the needs of the community and our youth. But the crisis which has been brought about by such problems as adolescent drug use, school dropouts, juvenile crime, street violence, adolescent pregnancy, and youth unemployment has caused many of us to search for new solutions. The community has been challenged to join together to fight the many problems which have permeated our neighborhoods, particularly, those involving our youth. As a result, the 1991-92 Strategic Planning Conference represents a new beginning. And this conference experience, along with our common view of Erie County youth, has given us the theme that we will try to portray throughout the conference: **focusing upon positive, successful programs, while searching for new and innovative solutions.**

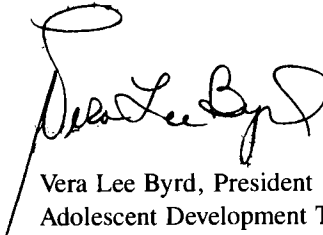
Most people would agree that there is a need for further growth within Erie County and those services which are being provided for our youth. Many of us, however, fail to recognize that we have already begun to grow. I have lived in the Erie area for over four (4) years and have been very concerned about the problems facing our youth and their families. In both my educational and professional experiences, I have never seen a community provide as much for their children and youth as I have seen in the services which have been rendered by

various agencies in Erie County.

The caring and commitment which exists in Erie County for our children and youth should be a constant reminder to us that the Erie Metropolitan area enables us not only to develop as individuals and professionals, but also encourages us to learn as a whole. We are a community that is reaching out and crossing many barriers. But more importantly, we are also a community that is reaching upward, striving for a growth that stems from an experience with empowering our youth and empowering our community.

As President of the Adolescent Development Task Force of Erie County, I hope that the 1991-92 Strategic Planning Conference will illustrate to you the opportunity we have for continued growth in our community. We are striving to provide a coordinated effort in searching for new solutions for the problems of our youth who are living and being educated in the decade of the nineties. As we move closer to the Year 2000, it is my strong belief that Erie County has the distinct opportunity to improve upon all that we have to offer our children and youth. Now is the time for all facets of the community to come together and find new solutions to improve the quality of life for our youth. I appeal to our community, church and academic leaders, business executives and other professionals, counselors, teachers, educators, youth service providers, concerned citizens and parents to make every effort to participate in our 1991-92 Strategic Planning Conference. *"And they shall be like trees planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth their fruit in their season; their leaves also shall not wither; and whatsoever they doeth shall prosper (adapted from Psalm 1:3)."*

Yours for a better community,



Vera Lee Byrd
President
Adolescent Development Task Force
of Erie County