

**Erie County Department of Mental Health Prevention Programs Gaps  
and Barriers Analysis  
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## **Gaps and Barriers Analysis Overview**

The Gaps and Barriers Analysis for Prevention Services in Erie County compares the provision of prevention services within each ZIP Code area to risk indicators from the Erie County Risk Indicator Database (RIDB). Gaps are identified where there is a mismatch between the prevention services and risk level (e.g. no/low prevention provision and high risk). First, the distribution of prevention services was evaluated by compiling information about prevention programs and their locations through the Erie County Prevention Services Information Center, an online repository for this information. Providers identified the approximate target population, type of program, and ZIP Code location(s) for their programs. These data were then tallied by ZIP Code, with individual programs being counted once per ZIP Code of service provision to avoid over counting. For example, a school-based program might be offered in three elementary schools in ZIP Code 14006 in the Lakeshore Central School District, but this ZIP Code received only one tally for these programs to avoid redundancy. While some programs do not have an explicit locational component or are home-based, most prevention services are offered at specific locations and can thus be tabulated for this analysis.

Maps were developed from these data to evaluate the spatial distribution of programs in Erie County and then to examine existing gaps in service provision. The maps of prevention programs are broken down into five categories that correspond to none, one, a few (2 or 3), some (4 or 5) and many (more than 5) programs. The gaps and barriers analysis for prevention programs compares the highest level of aggregated risk for ZIP codes in Erie County with the number of recurring prevention programs. Risk Indicators Database (RIDB) measures were summed and then re-quartiled for this aggregated risk measure; the locations with the highest level of risk are those with aggregated measures that fall in the fourth quartiles of either ZIP codes in Erie County Excluding City of Buffalo or ZIP codes in the City of Buffalo Only.

## **Gaps and Barriers Analysis Maps**

The 2023 version of this document includes only an overview of the results with the visualization now in an interactive format. To view the maps, visit the Erie RIDB web site ([www.erieridb.org](http://www.erieridb.org)) and use the interactive version of the map on the Prevention Programs Gaps and Barriers Analyses tab. There, you can use the layer list to turn on and off tabs to view all programs, school-based programs, or recurring programs, as well as areas of high risk that have aligned programs and those that do not. You may also query the map to view locations by type of program or schools with no programs by school district.

## **2023 Update**

The 2023 version of this document includes updated data for the following risk indicators: alcohol sales establishments, population instability (migration), rental residential properties, extreme economic deprivation, Gini coefficient, divorce and separation, grade 8 English (ELA) performance, neighborhood index, crime, and health data. OASAS alcohol and substance abuse admissions data are not included due to data accuracy issues in the updated records; these data will be included when possible, with an update to this document issued at that time.

## Gaps and Barriers Analysis Results

- Descriptive Maps of Prevention Program Locations
  - Location-specific prevention activity is largely absent from the southern, northeastern, and southeastern towns in Erie County. There are also ZIP codes in the City of Buffalo, Town of Amherst, Village of Kenmore, Town of Cheektowaga, and Town of Clarence that have no location-specific programs.
  - The environmental programs are not location specific and align to the county or county sub-regions. These include mass media (e.g. TV and radio) programs and are not represented on the maps.
  - School-based programs are missing in many parts of extreme northeastern Erie County, as well as in many areas of southern Erie County, including the Towns of Colden, Concord, Newstead, Collins, North Collins, Holland, Brant, and Sardinia. Overall alignment in the City of Buffalo and the surrounding suburbs is well distributed. The City of Buffalo, Town of Tonawanda, Town of Amherst, Town of Cheektowaga, and the City of Lackawanna all have many school-based programs aligned to the municipal boundaries. The North Collins Central School District, Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District and Akron Central School District are all lacking in programs, as are Gowanda Central, Holland Central, Springville-Griffith Central, and Yorkshire-Pioneer Central School Districts. All other school districts have at least one program.
  - Recurring programs exhibit a similar pattern to school-based programs and, with most programs concentrated in the City of Buffalo and areas adjacent to the city. A few locations, most notably the Village of Kenmore had access to school-based programs when accounting for the physical distribution of the Kenmore-Tonawanda Union Free School District but are lacking alignment with recurring programs at a site physically within the boundaries of the Kenmore ZIP code polygon.
- Maps of Highest Risk Locations with Prevention Programs
  - Erie County Excluding City of Buffalo
    - ZIP codes with the highest aggregated risk are in the more suburban ZIP codes adjacent to the City of Buffalo within the Towns of Tonawanda, Amherst, Cheektowaga, West Seneca, Orchard Park, and Hamburg as well as the City of Lackawanna.
    - Most ZIP codes with highest aggregated risk have at least one recurring prevention program, except for ZIP codes 14217 and 14068 which have no recurring programs.
  - City of Buffalo Only
    - The ZIP codes in the City of Buffalo with the highest aggregated risk are located in the City's Emslie, Babcock, Lovejoy, Kaisertown, Schiller Park, MLK Park, Genesee-Moselle, Kenfield, Grider, Kensington, and Lasalle neighborhoods on the East Side, as well as the eastern portion of Downtown Buffalo and the Outer Harbor (14203, 14206, 14211, and 14215).
    - ZIP codes 14211, and 14215 all have many recurring programs. ZIP code 14206 has one program while 14203 has none.

# List of Schools Without Programs in Highest Risk Zip Codes by Number of Programs

## No Programs

Zip Code	School
<b>14068</b>	KADIMAH ACADEMY OF BUFFALO SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
<b>14203</b>	BUFFALO HEARING & SPEECH CTR ENTERPRISE CHARTER SCHOOL PERSISTENCE PREP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
<b>14217</b>	MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY SAINT ANDREW'S COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL STANLEY G. FALK SCHOOL - ROOSEVELT SITE

## One Program

Zip Code	School
<b>14043</b>	JOHN A. SCIOLE ES CAYUGA HTS ES DEPEW MIDDLE SCHOOL OUR LADY-BLESSED SACRAMENT

## A Few Programs (2 or 3)

No schools fit this criteria

## Some (4 or 5) Programs

Zip Code	School
<b>14206</b>	SOUTH BUFFALO CHARTER SCHOOL PS 43 LOVEJOY DISCOVERY SCHOOL STANLEY G. FALK SCHOOL - ROSSLER SITE THEODORE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL
<b>14224</b>	ALLENDALE SCHOOL CLINTON STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEST SENECA EAST SHS WINCHESTER-POTTERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CENTER ROAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WEST SENECA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL
<b>14226</b>	SMALLWOOD DRIVE SCHOOL WINDERMERE BLVD SCHOOL PARK SCHOOL OF BUFFALO BUFFALO ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART SAINT BENEDICT SCHOOL SWEET HOME MS CHC LEARNING CENTER-A PROGRAM OF THE CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, INC

## Many Programs (more than 5)

Zip Code	School
<b>14075</b>	FRONTIER SHS HAMBURG HS HOPEVALE SCHOOL OLD TIME BAPTIST ACADEMY
<b>14127</b>	EGGERT ROAD ES ORCHARD PARK HS ORCHARD PARK MS SOUTH DAVIS ES WINDOM ES

**14150**

ALEXANDER HAMILTON ES  
ARC ERIE COUNTY NY - GREEN ACRES  
CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL  
GLENDALE ES  
HOLMES ES  
KENMORE EAST SHS  
MULLEN ES  
NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
RIVERVIEW ES  
SAINT AMELIA SCHOOL  
THOMAS A. EDISON ES

**14211**

KING CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL  
PS 197 MATH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY PREPARATORY SCHOOL @39  
PS 357 PATHWAYS ACADEMY @EAST  
PS 48 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CULTURAL INSTITUTE  
PS 59 DR. CHARLES R. DREW SCIENCE  
PS 92 NEW BUILD COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PS 97 HARVEY AUSTIN SCHOOL  
UNIVERSAL SCHOOL

**14215**

CHARTER SCHOOL OF INQUIRY  
NATIVITY MIGUEL MIDDLE SCHOOL - BUFFALO  
PS 156 FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED  
PS 82 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
PS 84 HEALTH CENTER FOR CHILDREN AT ECMC  
WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

**14218**

AL-RASHEED ACADEMY  
GLOBAL CONCEPTS CHARTER SCHOOL

**14221**

CHRISTIAN CENTRAL ACADEMY  
GATEWAY-LONGVIEW LYNDE SCHOOL  
HARRIS HILL ES  
HEIM MS  
MAPLEMERE ES  
MILL MS  
SHERIDAN HILL ES

**14225**

ARC ERIE COUNTY NY - MARYVALE  
BUFFALO HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER

CHEEKTOWAGA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CLEVELAND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CLEVELAND HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NEW CREATION FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY