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Project First Step (PFS) is an Erie County program assisting expectant women at risk of having babies born with disabilities. PFS also provides services for families caring for children with disabilities, families at risk of having their children removed from the biological home, and families working toward reunification. Many clients live in poverty, are challenged with drug and alcohol addiction, and face additional physical, intellectual, domestic, social, and/or mental health challenges. PFS achieves a success rate for healthy, full-term babies within high-risk populations equivalent to the rate for the general population.

What Is the EHCA Difference?
We believe it’s our ongoing story of compassion in action. EHCA provides homes, services, and support to individuals who are faced with some of life’s most challenging developmental and intellectual disabilities. We respect everyone as unique and inspiring people and provide them with the high-quality, individualized care that they deserve.

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EHCA is a private, nonprofit agency headquartered in Erie, Pennsylvania, providing services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Erie, Crawford, and Venango counties. EHCA programs are licensed annually by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. Admissions, the provision of services, and referrals of persons for services shall be made without regard to race, color, gender, age, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or limited English proficiency.

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Erie Homes for Children and Adults (EHCA) is a private, nonprofit organization offering both residential and community services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Founded in 1912 as a home for needy infants, EHCA has evolved into a multifaceted agency providing quality care and compassionate support for individuals of all ages and all levels of disability, enabling them to live with purpose and dignity.

**EHCA Vision**

Each person with a disability should have the opportunity to make choices, to contribute to his or her own daily lifestyle, to obtain the best education/training available and to enjoy a home-like atmosphere with quality caregivers.

**Residential Services**

EHCA’s residential program provides true homes where individuals with disabilities are surrounded by a trained and caring staff, ensuring the utmost quality of care.

The direct support professionals and program specialists work closely with residents and their families to coordinate necessary services. Adaptive technology, therapeutic equipment, smart tablets, and sensory devices are used to enrich the resident’s daily experiences. Staff members create structured activities and learning opportunities that build on each person’s interests and abilities.

**Lifesharing**

Lifesharing carefully matches a family that is paid to provide care in their own home with an individual in need of supervised living. Participants in the program receive housing, but more importantly, they are provided a home in which they can fully participate.

**Options**

The mission of EHCA is to assist people with disabilities to live rich and fulfilling lives.

The Options Program offers unlicensed home and community-based services to individuals with developmental disabilities in the Erie, Crawford, and Venango counties. All services are person centered and are delivered based on the individual’s service plan. Each participant along with their support team determines the type of service, the level of support, and when services are requested.

**Supported Employment**

Supported Employment helps individuals with disabilities obtain and sustain paid employment by offering the support and training needed to succeed. Participants learn job search strategies and receive training for specific job assignments. Periodic follow-up and ongoing support is also provided.