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Dahlkemper to visit final location in nationwide economic mobility initiative

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and 19 other county leaders nationwide will visit Garrett County, Md., Nov. 19-21, on the final stop of the Economic Mobility Leadership Network initiative.

The agenda includes a keynote – 2-Generation Approach to Rural Poverty – delivered by Sarah Haight, Aspen Institute assistant director of Ascend.

Dahlkemper and the other county leaders will also hear Garrett County Commissioner Jim Hinebaugh provide an overview of some challenges to rural development. Duane Yoder, president of Garrett County Community Action Committee, will share the work done to confront multigenerational poverty with 2-Generation Approach, a practice model that works to realize the aspirations of those they serve while creating greater family economic security.

The participants will visit Career Technology and Training Center and take a mobile tour of Garrett County to hear about workforce development, education, early childcare, transportation and housing. They will close by holding small group conversations and then reflect on what they've learned as well as methods for expanding economic mobility leadership in the future.

"I look forward to learning about some of the challenges a more rural county like Garrett County is experiencing as well as their achievements that have potential to be implemented here in Erie County," Dahlkemper said. "It has been a privilege to participate in this initiative with county leaders from across the nation. I am grateful for the relationships built and the ideas shared throughout this initiative."

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