

Self-Sufficiency Calculator

Overview

The Self-Sufficiency Calculator is a web-based tool that will enable you to provide accurate and complete information on work supports available in Erie County. Hosted on the Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. web page, the Calculator is a password-accessible tool that has been developed to assist counselors from human service and government agencies in Erie County in helping working adults access a variety of work supports and tax credits. This tool estimates benefit amounts for these supports and tax credits and does it all in less than 10 minutes. It also calculates how well a given wage meets a working individual's real expenses.

Purpose

The Self-Sufficiency training is designed for front line workers in nonprofit and governmental departments in Erie County. The training sessions include hands-on computer training, a screen-by-screen handout of the Calculator and helpful hints for users.

Objectives

The session will:

- Increase your effectiveness and efficiency by using the Self-Sufficiency Calculator
- Provide current work support information pages for easy access
- Provide access to Calculator

Trainers

Barbara Huddleston-Mattai, D.S.W., professor of Social Work at Buffalo State College. Her background experience includes medical social work, school social work, and adolescent and family therapy. She is involved in the community through Back-to-Basics Ministry and serves on the Board of Directors for Transitional Services, Inc.

Deborah Renzi, M.S.W., professor of Social Work at Buffalo State College. Her areas of special interest include drug and alcohol abuse prevention and administration, planning, and research. She represents our social work program in the Greater Buffalo Social Work Field Education Consortium.

Spring/Summer/Fall 2006

Training Schedule

All training sessions are scheduled in the E.H.Butler Library, Cyberquad, 3rd floor, BL316.

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME
January	23	Mon.	1:30-4:30
January	26	Thur.	1:30-4:30
February	13	Mon.	1:30-4:30
February	27	Mon.	1:30-4:30
March	27	Mon.	1:30-4:30
March	30	Thur.	1:30-4:30
April	10	Mon.	1:30-4:30
April	17	Mon.	1:30-4:30
May	15	Mon.	1:30-4:30
May	22	Mon.	1:30-4:30
June	12	Mon.	1:30-4:30
June	19	Mon.	1:30-4:30
September	7	Thur.	1:30-4:30
October	16	Mon.	1:30-4:30
November	13	Mon.	1:30-4:30

Registration Information

Registration is easy. Mail or fax your registration to us, go online, or let us know by telephone or email. Access to the web-site will be given after training is provided. We recommend sending a minimum of two people from each agency. For multiple registrations, photocopy the registration form or list each participant's information on a separate sheet of paper. Attach to the registration form and password application.

Password Application: Complete the password application on the registration form to the right.

Online: www.buffalostate.edu/academics/cenc/

Phone: (716) 878-5907; **FAX:** (716) 878-5930.

REGISTRATION FORM (Please print clearly)

Self-Sufficiency Calculator

Directions: Check the box next to the month you'd like to attend, then write the specific date on the line to the right.

	Insert Date Selected
<input type="checkbox"/> January 23, 26, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> February 13, 27, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> March 27, 30, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> April 10, 17, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> May 15, 22, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> June 12, 19, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> September 7, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> October 16, 2006	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> November 13, 2006	_____

Password Application

Name _____

Organization _____

Job Title _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

FAX _____

Email Address _____

I do not have an Internet connection at work.

A password is required to access this site. Please fill in the form above. A password will be provided at the training session.

Mail or fax this registration to:

Dr. Margaret Shaw-Burnett
Buffalo State College, Continuing Professional Studies
1300 Elmwood Avenue, GC 210
Buffalo, NY 14222-1095
Phone: (716) 878-5907 **FAX:** (716) 878-5930

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FAQ's

Are there any prerequisites to be able to attend a free Self-Sufficiency Calculator training?

Yes, the prerequisites are:

- You must be employed by a non-profit agency.
- You must have your own personal email (not shared or accessible by anyone but yourself).

How do I obtain a username and password to access the Self-Sufficiency Calculator?

Anyone interested in using the Calculator must register and attend a free training. After attending a training session a username and password will be E-Mailed to you.

Are there any special computer software and/or hardware needed to access the Calculator?

Yes, for software you will need at least Internet Explorer version 6.0 or Netscape version 7.0. There is no special hardware needed to access the calculator, but you do need an Internet connection (High speed access is recommended.)

I attended training and have a password but I am unable to login to the Calculator?

For any technical questions/problems/concerns contact Kris Kaczka at Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. via phone (716) 847-1120 or by email kkaczka@everywoman.org

I have a suggestion or would like to leave feedback about the Self-Sufficiency Calculator, who should I contact?

Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. and Buffalo State College are always looking for your feedback, whether it is something you'd like to see added, your experience using the Calculator, or any other comments. Please contact Ivy Diggs-Washington at Everywoman, (716) 847-1120 or email iwashington@everywoman.org and you can contact Dr. Margaret Shaw-Burnett at Buffalo State College, (716) 878-5907 or by email shawma@buffalostate.edu.

I still have a question that was not answered in the FAQ...

- For general information please contact Myrna F. Young at Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. (716) 847-1120 or by email myoung@everywoman.org.
- For training dates and information please visit the Buffalo State Continuing Professional Studies website www.buffalostate.edu/academics/cencl/, call (716) 878-5907, or email shawma@buffalostate.edu.
- For technical assistance please contact Kris Kaczka at Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. (716) 847-1120 or by email kkaczka@everywoman.org.

Parking

A parking permit and a Buffalo State College campus map will be mailed to you with your registration confirmation letter. Please arrive at least 20 minutes early. Campus parking is competitive.

Economic Self-Sufficiency Steering Committee

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Erie County Commission on the Status of Women
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ESC Employers Services
Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc.
Health for All of WNY
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Neighborhood Legal Services
Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management
Optimal Therapy Associates Services
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County
University of Buffalo Graduate School of Education
University of Buffalo Institute for Research & Education on Women and Gender
University of Buffalo Law School, Community Economic Development Clinic
University at Buffalo Law School, Family Violence Clinic
U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Buffalo Office
WNY Women's Fund
Women's and Children's Hospital of Buffalo
Women's Business Center, Canisius College
YWCA of WNY



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Free Training on Self-Sufficiency Calculator for Erie County

Please join us at Buffalo State College's state-of-the-art computer training facility in Butler Library CyberQuad for free training on the Self-Sufficiency Calculator for Erie County and how it can help low-wage workers get the benefits they need to stay in the workforce.

Project Team

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Training Location:

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