**#RecoveryIsBeautifulNWPA Training Series**

**“Vocational Engagement: From Social Determinants to Pathways of Wellness”**

**Thursday, July 11, 2024 12-1pm**

**1.0 Credit Hours**

**Speaker: Daria Devlin, M.Ed**

* Daria Devlin is a passionate advocate for health and wealth equity in the City of Erie. She currently serves as Director of Social Impact for the Hamot Health Foundation where she is overseeing the creation of a new community development corporation to address the social determinants of health in our community. A life-long resident of Erie and a native of the city’s East Bayfront neighborhood, Ms. Devlin is a proud graduate of the former Central High School. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in History and Russian Studies from Colgate University and an M.Ed in Educational Leadership from Edinboro University.

Ms. Devlin has over 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. Prior to her current position, Ms. Devlin served as Executive Director of the Erie Center for Arts and Technology, where she secured the region’s first New Market Tax Credit to finance a $12M renovation of the former Wayne School into a neighborhood resource center on East Avenue. Ms. Devlin also served as Coordinator of Grants and Community Relations for Erie’s Public Schools where she helped lead the 2016 grassroots campaign to secure $14M in additional state funding for our city school district. During that time, Ms. Devlin also served as Executive Director of the Foundation for Erie’s Public Schools, which she founded in 2012. In various positions over the past decade, Ms. Devlin successfully wrote and secured major grants for the Blue Coats, Erie’s Community Schools initiative, the United Way’s Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Wayne School-Based Health Center.

In 2021, Ms. Devlin was elected to the Erie School Board and served as Board President in 2023. She is also a board member of the Erie Western PA Port Authority, the Erie Land Bank, and the Police Athletic League. In addition to these civic responsibilities, Ms. Devlin is very active in her church, where she leads the choir, serves as Vice President of the parish council and chairs the Russian Troika Festival. Ms. Devlin was named one of the Erie Times News *Four Under Forty* in 2016, the PRSA Niagara Chapter’s Public Relations Professional of the Year in 2017 and the Nonprofit Partnership’s CEO of the Year in 2023. She also received the Foundation for Erie’s Public Schools Advocacy award in 2018. Ms. Devlin lives in the City of Erie with her husband Neal and three sons, Nick (21), Nate (19) and Alex (17).

**Description**

* This session will explore the connections among education/vocation and health and stability to understand the role of vocational activity as a Social Driver of Health.

**Objectives**

* Define vocational activities including participation in community activities, volunteerism, meaningful hobbies and creative outlets, pre-employment training and preparation, education, employment
* Identify the role of vocational activities in health and wellness
* Describe community initiatives that address barriers to vocational activities for at-risk and marginalized populations