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## **Native American Community Services Celebrates Grand Opening of Lockport Office**

**Lockport, New York**—Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, Inc., (NACS) hosted the grand opening of its newest location in Lockport on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The nonprofit organization, which has offices in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, has expanded into Lockport with a wide array of human services.

NACS began in 1975 as a single program to address unemployment in the Buffalo Native American community and was originally incorporated as the “Native American Manpower Program.” Soon after, new programs were initiated that began to focus on advocacy and support for all children and families, as well as offering services regardless of race or background. After this expansion, the corporation changed to its present name so to reflect these additional services. In 2017, NACS assisted over 2,200 families in the Buffalo-Niagara Region.

“We are very excited to expand our service area into eastern Niagara County,” said NACS executive director Michael Martin. “Being in Lockport only strengthens our partnerships with and commitment to the local community and fulfills one of our goals to meet the needs of all of our constituencies. It allows us put roots down in an area we have had to serve from other offices, but Lockport is a key community to be served as is the eastern part of the County that we are now in a better position to assist.”

A brief summary of some of NACS’s portfolio of services includes:

- Economic self-sufficiency (Financial Literacy, Workforce Development, Educational supports)
- Family Services (Foster Care, Family Preservation, Parenting Classes, Medicaid Service Coordination)
- Health & Wellness (Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention)
- Community & Cultural Services (Elders services, Native Language preservation)
- “All Our Relations” Project (Native American Cultural Competency trainings, Case Management)
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**About NACS**

Native American Community Services (NACS) is a non-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide quality health and social services to the off-reservation Native American population in Erie and Niagara Counties. In keeping with our “Tradition of Caring,” we have since grown into a full-scale human services agency committed to helping the entire community, regardless of race or background. NACS has developed innovative and evidence-based approaches that are intended to significantly improve the lives of those who engage in our programs and services. NACS has offices in Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Lockport, New York.