



FEAB Partner Spotlight

Buffalo Federation Neighborhood Centers

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Buffalo Federation Neighborhood Centers (BFNC) serves Buffalo, New York and surrounding areas with various human service programs including VITA. BFNC services are focused on low-to-moderate income people and communities. The agency has been serving the Buffalo community for over 125 years.

SERVICES

The BFNC Hope Center is a neighborhood center for individuals and families focusing on economic advancement, empowerment and financial education. In one convenient location, the BFNC Hope Center offers a network of community resources to assist individuals and families with career services, financial planning and management to build future wealth. Services include VITA, benefits screening, and banking education. In partnership with Civil Legal Advice and Resource Clinic (CLARLO), BFNC provides advice on:

- Collections
- Garnishments
- Frozen bank accounts
- Judgments

BFNC developed pamphlets on FEAB topics for clients to read while waiting for tax preparation including:

- Things to do with your tax refund when filing with VITA.
- Spot financial barriers and connect with more resources available for taxpayers.
- Options for short-term saving with CD's, direct deposit /non fee/ no interest bank accounts.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

In addition, BFNC Westminster Community House partners with Evans Bank for education and outreach activities. Evans Bank maintains a branch in the same building with BFNC. Representatives are available to answer questions and open low-cost bank accounts, offer budgeting for adults and seniors, provide on-site finance classes and prepare tax returns.

TAXES

BFNC sponsors a VITA tax preparation site at BFNC Westminster Community House, and at First Shiloh Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York. Both sites are in extremely underserved areas. BFNC, under the VITA Grant program of United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, has gone above and beyond to serve all taxpayers in the surrounding areas. BFNC exhibits true community service and committed work through the challenges of weather conditions in Western NY to serve the low-to-moderate income community.