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# Hispanos Unidos De Buffalo & Spanish Action League of Onondage County, Inc.-La Liga

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# Eugenio Russi

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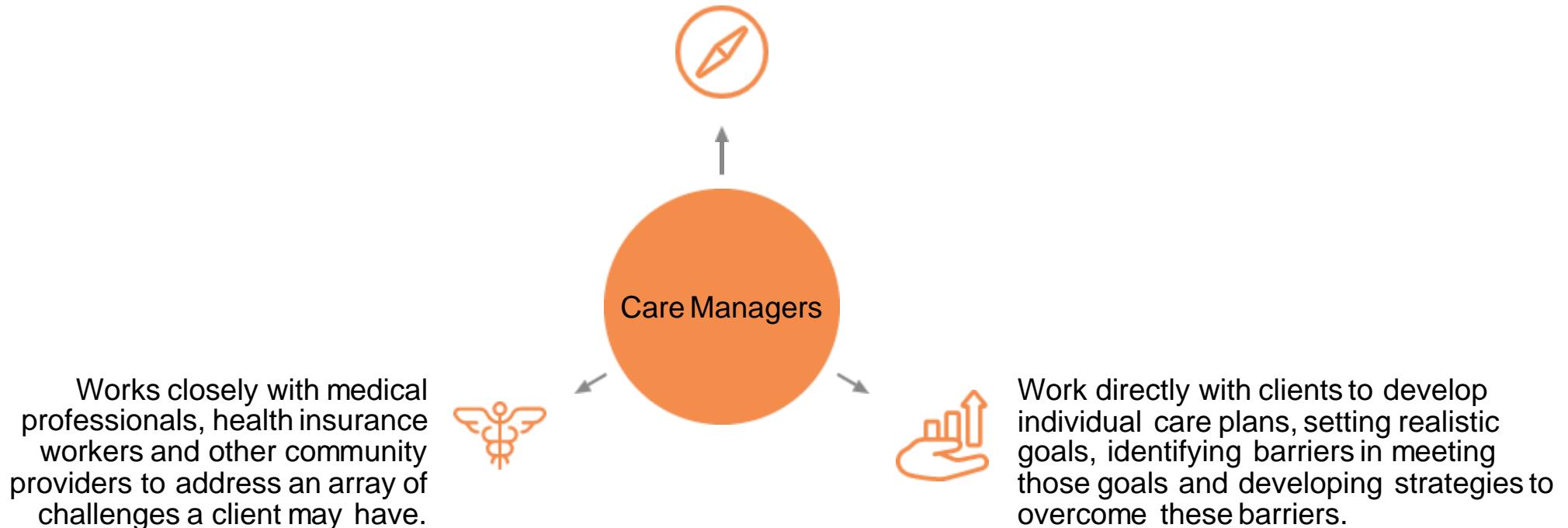
LA LIGA

HUB is a nonprofit community organization serving the residents of Buffalo and surrounding counties. Under Mr. Russi's leadership HUB has grown significantly, expanding its array of services to include opiate treatment, Health Home Supportive Housing and a NYS Health Home, impacting a broader number of individuals in need. He has led efforts in expanding the Acacia Network of affiliates. Those efforts have brought in the Spanish Action League from Syracuse and continuing growth in Albany with Capital District Latinos. In Dunkirk NY, he is overseeing the new site location for an OASAS licensed opiate services clinic called the Safepoint Lighthouse. Growth continues at HUB with the ongoing project at La Plaza de Virginia. This transformative project will provide 46 units of affordable housing for seniors with supportive housing services to one third of its residents.

## Health Home Department: HUBG

HUB currently administers a health home program servicing close to 600 clients in the WNY area.

Assist Medicaid eligible clients suffering from a chronic health condition navigate the health care system ensuring clients receive quality health care



# Domestic Violence

Our DV program is centered on core services offered to our clients, with their safety a priority. This program is unique, in that we provide “hands on” assistance to our clients in all matters of DV and other services to make our clients balanced and whole. There is no requirement to qualify for this services, which is why our referrals have come from various agencies including, local shelters Haven House, Salvation Army, Hope House, city court Be Safe program with the DA’s office, Family Justice Center, from Legal Aid Bureau, Neighborhood Legal Services, and Local hospitals. Ours is a diverse agency with clients from all dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, and physical abilities.



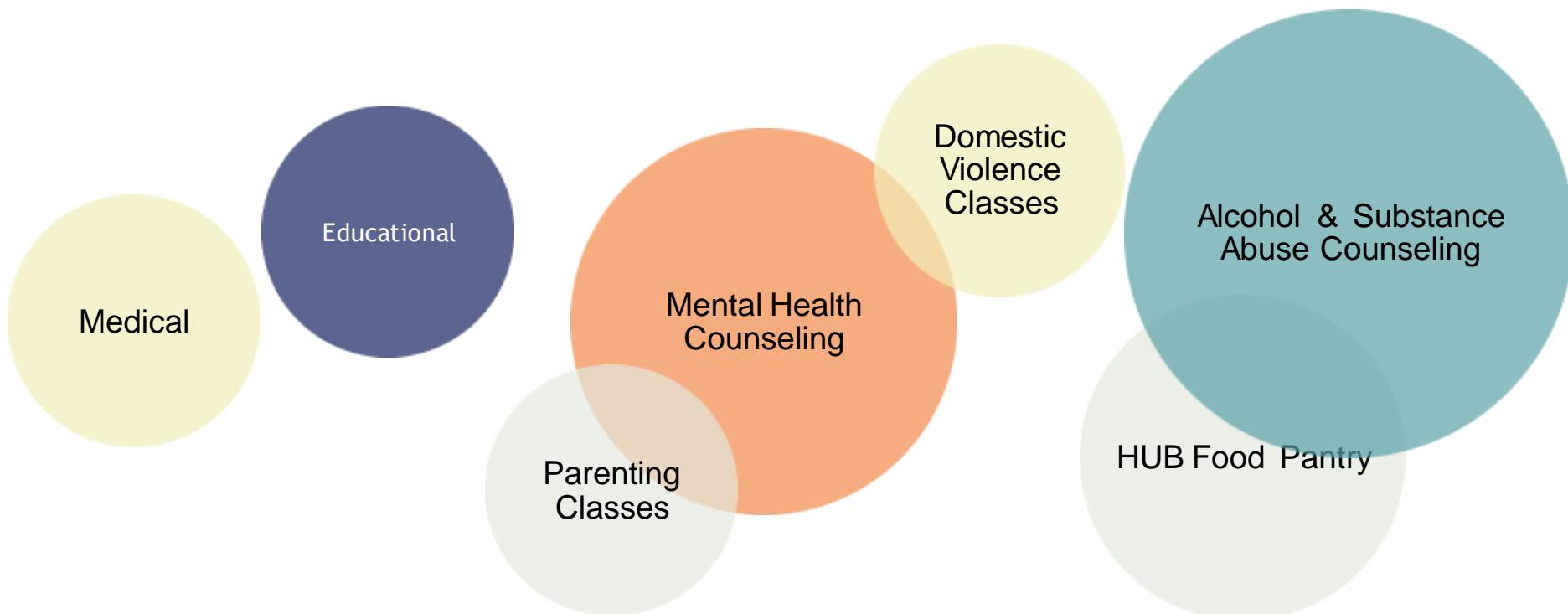
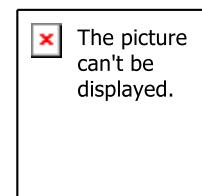
## Inclusion Criteria

- Domestic Violence
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Family Violence

# Traditional Preventive Services

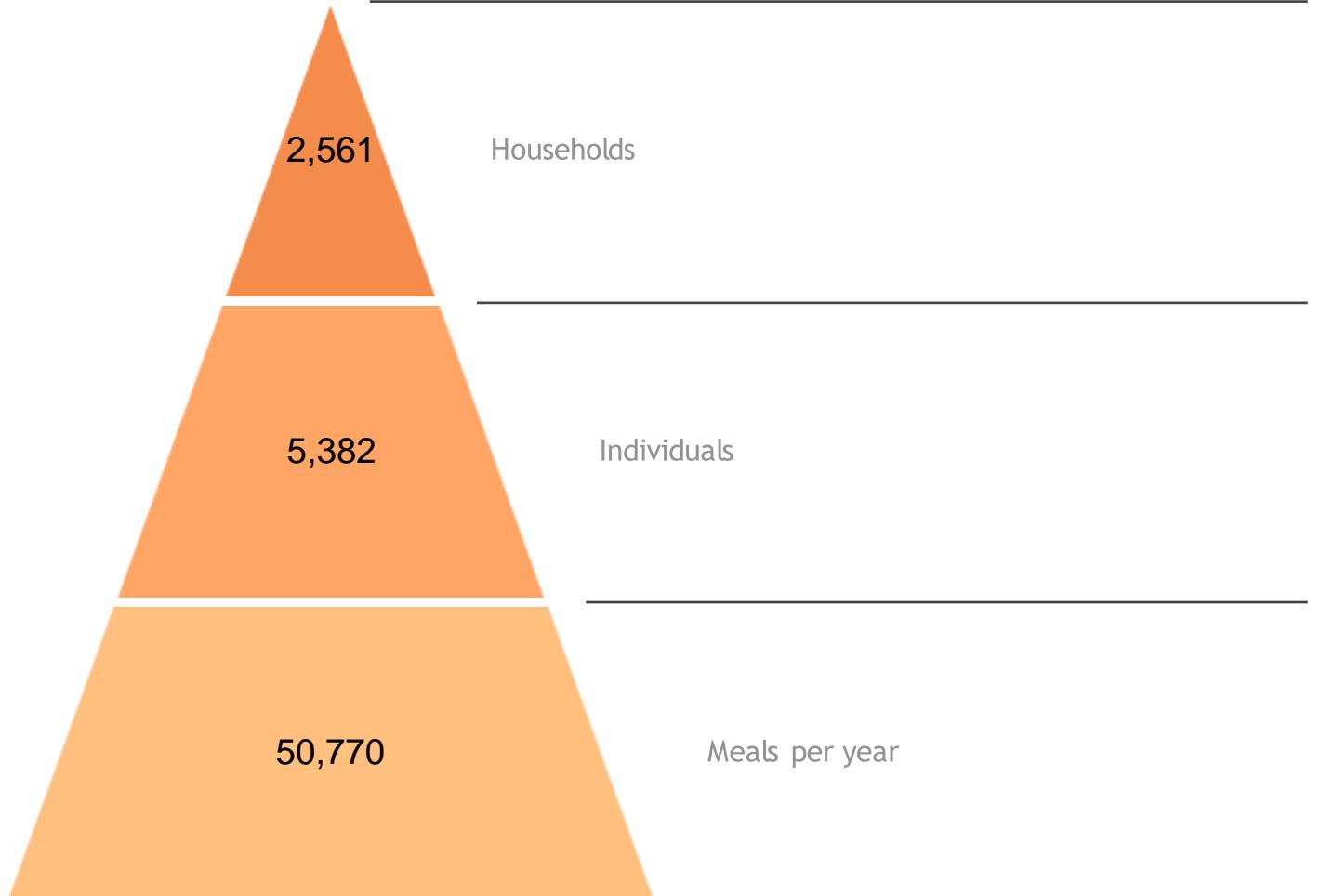
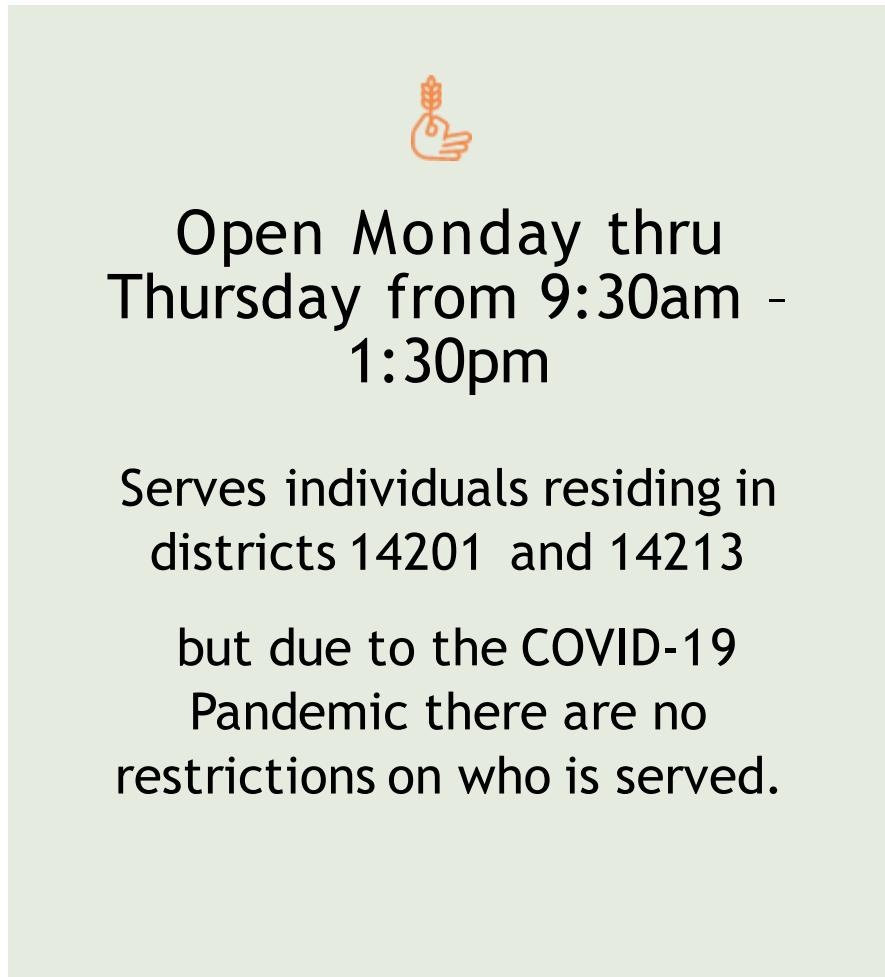
HUB Traditional Preventive Services work with children and families providing case management services. Cases are only referred to HUB through Erie County Department of Social Services (CPS/Children Services).

HUB has (2) case planners each with a caseload of 14 cases. Case planners conduct safety assessments of children and family's needs. Case planners can also provide client/families linkages and referrals to needed community resources, such as :



# Food Pantry

HUB's Food Pantry is supplemented by grants provided by FeedMore of WNY Food Bank



# Housing Programs

Hispanics United of Buffalo offers four separate housing programs each serving a distinct population. In all our four programs, clients are eligible for security deposit/rental assistance, a variety of wrap around services depending on program itself and case management services.

## Rapid Rehousing DV

Assists low income household families fleeing to emergency shelters due to domestic violence.

Clients are directly referred from homeless shelters.

## Rapid Rehousing

Assisting families or individuals coming from emergency shelters.

Clients are directly referred from homeless shelters.

## ESG COVID 19

Aids individuals and families that suffered a negative economic impact from COVID-19 resulting in homelessness or a threat of homelessness.

Clients are referred from coordinated entry, sent from shelters

## Health Home Soppurtive Housing

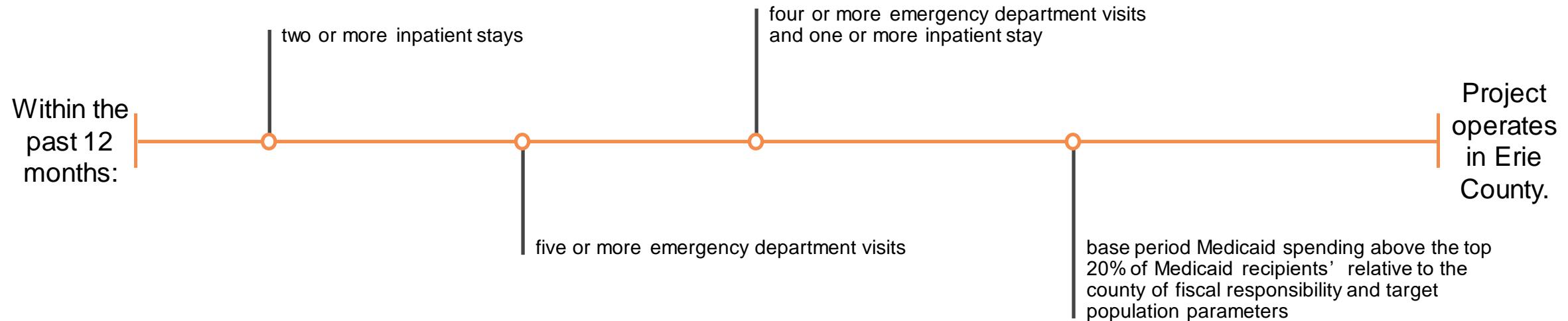
Assists individuals suffering from a mental health or substance abuse condition and is actively enrolled in a health home.

# Health Home Supportive Housing:HHSH

HUB's Supportive Housing Team delivers services for Erie County Residents, while partnering with two health homes: Greater Buffalo United Accountable Health Network (GBUAHN) and Person Centered Services Care Coordination Organization (PCSCCO).

HHSH utilizes targeted vouchers and housing retention assistance to enable 40 eligible health home beneficiaries to secure and retain safe, permanent housing in market-rate units close to their identified primary care medical homes.

Our program is designed to assist individuals enrolled in Medicaid, who are homeless, who are health home enrolled (or eligible to enroll in a health home), and have one of the following ...





# HUB/BHM C properties

Hub and its wholly controlled affiliate, Buffalo Hispanic Management Company, own and operate residential and commercial properties throughout the Western New York region. Our small but diverse portfolio provides affordable residential units and commercial spaces to provide services to the community.

## **1 135 Whitney**

is composed of four, two bedroom apartments leased at market rate rents.

## **2 251 Virginia Street**

Was rehabbed in 2009 with HOME funds through HCR and it has five, two bedroom residential units, rented at 50% AMI. The building also has a commercial space on the first floor that is used by HUB's program for Preventive Services.

## **3 254 Virginia Street**

Our Commercial asset and it contains the PROMESA operated clinics in the corner "church" building. Connected to this building is HUB's main administrative building where we operate the remainder of our programs

## **4 250 Virginia Street**

a twenty two (22) unit residential building located directly across the street from 254 Virginia Street. All units are mixed between 1, 2 and 3 bedroom and are market rate.

## **5 272 Virginia Street**

Acquired in December 2018, It is a mixed use building adjacent to our main administrative building at 254 Virginia Street. It has two apartments and commercial space on second floor and first floor. The building is in need of substantial rehabilitation efforts and we are in process of developing conceptual plans for reuse of site.

## **6 50 West Avenue**

Acquired in December 2018, It is a two story residential building. It has a small one bedroom upstairs and a three bedroom down stairs. The building is in need of substantial rehabilitation efforts.

## **7 303-305 Main Street- Dunkirk NY**

two commercial buildings located in the commercial district in the city of Dunkirk. Currently, 303 Main street is on the process of conversion to OTP and CDOP clinics

# The Spanish Action League: La Liga

Established in 1969, the Spanish Action League (La Liga) has served the Latino/Hispanic community in Upstate New York for over 50 years through an array of interdisciplinary services.). It is, also, only Latino/Hispanic based bilingual and bicultural agency in a 12-county radius.



Services	Housing & Careers	Health & Wellness	Youth Leadership & Development	Language Services (Spanish/English Interpretation/Translation)	
Serving		Onondaga County	Cayuga County	Cortland County	Madison County

- Although the agency primarily serves Latino/Hispanic and/or Spanish speaking constituents, our doors are open to anyone seeking assistance.



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