

ADVOCATE

>> SPEAK OUT

Improving access to health services, good jobs and a quality education impacts all of us and requires changes in public policy. LIVE UNITED is not about Democrat vs. Republican; it's about understanding our nation's problems and coming together to solve them.

>> STRENGTHENING THE HUMAN SERVICE SECTOR

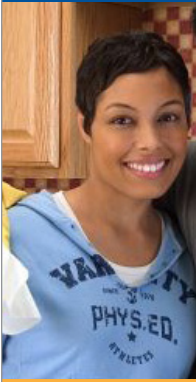
In order for communities and families throughout Illinois to succeed and prosper, we must maintain and strengthen the essential services that serve those in crisis, protect public health, improve public safety, revitalize local economies and enhance learning. **United Way supports:**

- Long-term reforms in taxing, spending and the efficient delivery of public services. The depth and breadth of this fiscal crisis demand a comprehensive response and a shared commitment to a better future for our state.
- Policies and procedures that ensure prompt payment to community service providers and require reasonable notice of any material changes to their contracts.
- Fair, efficient and transparent contracting practices between service providers and government funders.
- Efforts to reduce unnecessary state administrative burdens on human service providers and their programs.
- The development of a statewide 2-1-1 information and referral system to connect Illinois residents to needed health and human services.



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INCOME: Building Financial Stability and Independence

Becoming financially stable requires access to the tools and resources to reduce debt, increase income and build savings. **United Way supports:**

- Evidence-based workforce training and job creation programs that help people move forward financially
- Child care, transportation, counseling and crisis management that helps families address personal and family challenges
- Creation of a financial literacy service-learning program that incorporates U.S. Department of Treasury Core Competencies
- Incentives for employers to provide workplace financial literacy courses
- Enhanced statewide quality standards for K-12 financial literacy curriculum



EDUCATION: Helping Children and Youth Achieve their Potential

With less than 40% of children entering schools with the skills needed to succeed, **United Way supports:**

- Consistent, high-quality and affordable early learning opportunities for all children
- State supported programs for infant and toddler home visitations
- Early learning standards and benchmarks that ensure children are ready to learn by kindergarten and prepared to graduate from high school
- The development of community schools, broad-based coalitions and partnerships to position schools as centers of communities focused on increasing student academic achievement
- Policies to enable ongoing support for children from birth to college and collaboration with an array of service agencies committed to improving conditions that support learning
- Uniform measurement and data collection



HEALTH: Connecting People to Comprehensive Health Services

Access to quality, integrated health services and addressing the common factors of chronic disease are key to the health of our community. **United Way supports:**

- Access to affordable health services for children and adults living in low-income communities
- Comprehensive health coverage, which helps to remove barriers to care and improves overall health outcomes
- Policies that support wellness and healthy lifestyles for children, youth and older adults
- Efforts to combat childhood obesity, including improvements in school wellness/physical fitness programs

Your voice can help transform communities. We invite you to join us.

>> LIVE UNITED 2020 10-YEAR GOALS*

Almost 2 million people currently reside in our *United Way Partner Communities*, and more than half of them live in poverty. For those in or near poverty, United Way's transformational 10-year commitment will:

INCOME Advance economic stability for **100,000** households

EDUCATION Help **50,000** underperforming middle school kids enter high school ready to succeed

HEALTH Connect over **200,000** people with available, preventative health services

CRISIS Across the six-county region, United Way will answer the immediate crisis needs of **1 million** people every year by providing shelter, food and freedom from violence

* The LIVE UNITED 2020 goals are derived from current UWMC results, projected reporting over time and research on program capacity.