

United Way is leading initiatives to help African American and Latino youth understand the value of staying in school, learn life skills and create healthy family and social roles.



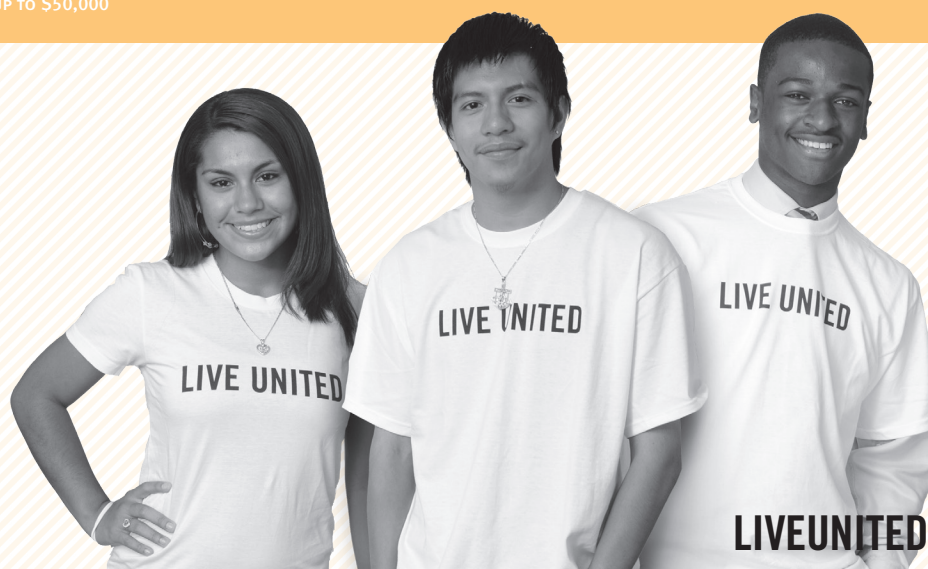
The United Way Latino Initiative. United Way is engaging community leaders, providers and the youth themselves to support Latino teens and young adults. In the Chicago neighborhoods of Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Irving Park, Portage Park and Rogers Park, and in the suburbs of Cicero and Highwood, Latino youth ages 12–21 are working with their peers and neighbors to speak out against violence and create self-identities that help them bridge their two cultures.

The United Way African American Initiative. Led by United Way, community stakeholders in Bronzeville/Grand Boulevard, Englewood, Lawndale, Rogers Park and Roseland are developing sustainable approaches to help youth improve academic performance and school attendance, learn leadership skills, discover their career options and practice non-violent conflict resolution. The program has demonstrated results. For example, in Roseland, where 97% of students attending schools where the AAI is active are from low-income families:

- More than 90% of AAI participants are on track for grade promotion (compared to 40% of their peers).
- More than 95% of participants stayed in school.
- 76% of participants improved their grades and increased attendance.

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