

United Way is focused on the basic things families rely on:

Income Education and Health

UNITED WAY IS PROMOTING FINANCIAL STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

United Way is leading a financial stability initiative that brings together community experts to determine the right mix of programs that, together, can give people the opportunity to become financially stable. United Way provides funds to the best programs across the region that collectively offer job training and placement, access to income supports such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and other state and federal benefits for working families. These programs are complemented by educational services that teach people about banking, credit, saving and investment, as well as access to tax preparation services and matched savings programs.

UNITED WAY IS DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PREPARE KIDS FOR SCHOOL AND INCREASE GRADUATION RATES.

United Way is determined to increase graduation rates among Metropolitan Chicago youth and we are using our leadership position in the community to fund a network of programs that get results. Ensuring kids graduate from high school is a process that starts in early childhood and continues throughout their education. That's why United Way supports programs all through a child's life: early childhood education programs, after-school and summer activities, tutoring, mentoring and community schools. Funding innovative approaches and advocating for policies that lead to increased graduation rates is one of the most important ways United Way is strengthening families and ensuring our kids have the education and skills they need.

UNITED WAY IS WORKING TO ENSURE FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES.

United Way currently supports a diverse array of programs across the health spectrum. Moving forward, United Way will strategically focus its support on proven initiatives that ensure all families have access to care. Research shows that people living at or near poverty experience worse health outcomes and are more likely to die prematurely. United Way convened a panel of health experts to identify ways to increase access to healthcare services in underserved communities and provide the resources needed so people can take preventive measures to live healthy lives.