

WHEN I GROW UP STARTS TODAY!

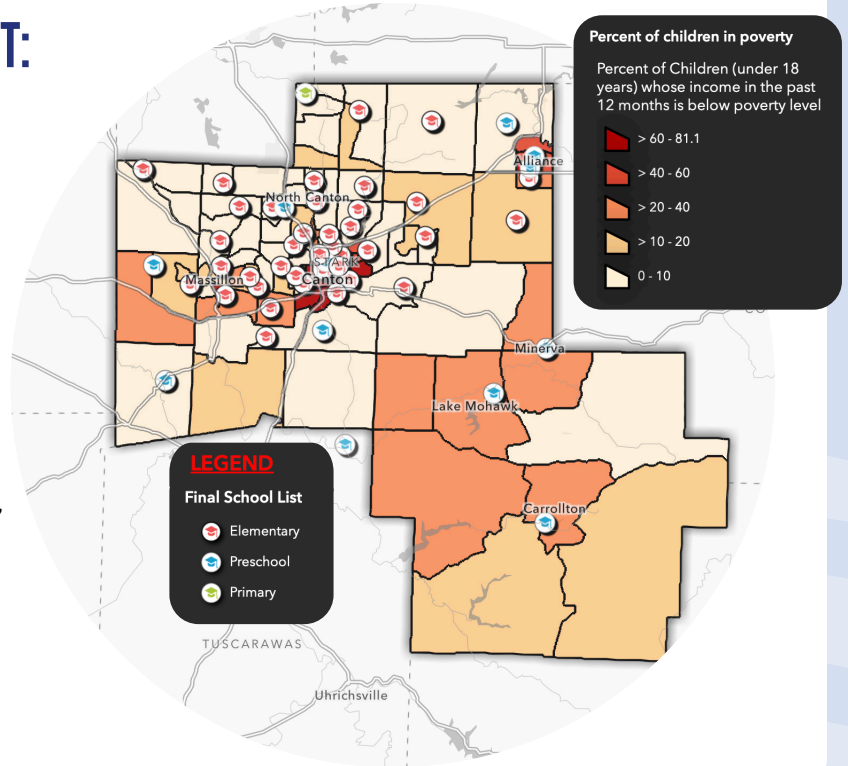


EMPOWER A STRONGER START: The Challenge

Children in high-poverty areas face greater risks to their long-term success, with limited resources to manage stress, stay healthy, or succeed in school.



Your support helps United Way lead a powerful network of services that strengthens families with young children. Together, we build essential **skills**, nurture strong **relationships**, and improve **household stability**—laying the foundation for resilience and a brighter future for our entire community.



Skills

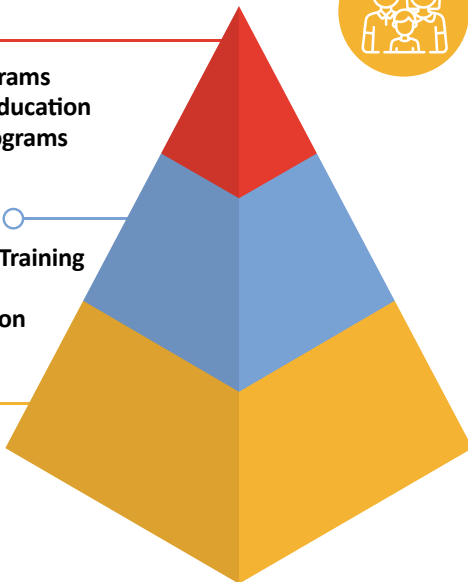
After-School Programs
Early Childhood Education
Home Visiting Programs

Relationships

Parent/Caregiver Training
Mentoring
Violence Prevention

Household Stability

Food
Healthcare
Housing



SUPPORTING FAMILIES: Our Focus & Strategies

The younger a person is, the more likely they are to live in poverty. Research shows that **prevention is more cost-effective**, than fixing problems later. Your support helps United Way invest in **families with young children**, reducing long-term financial and personal costs like lost potential, emotional hardships, and lower quality of life. United Way funds **EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES** to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). We prioritize **household stability**. This stability reduces stress and enables families to focus on building strong **relationships**, developing **skills** and pursuing their family goals.



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31 PARTNER AGENCIES

4 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

YOU CREATE STABILITY & UNLOCK POTENTIAL



Your support truly matters! Because of you, United Way invests in programs that create safe, stable, and nurturing environments—helping children build the essential skills they need for a strong, healthy start in life.

TRANSFORMING LIVES WITH YOUR SUPPORT



STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS

Last year, **6 mentoring or after-school programs** supported **1,100 children**, helping them improve academically, attend school regularly, and develop social-emotional skills while connecting them with caring adults to reduce risks like mental health issues and addiction.



BUILDING ESSENTIAL SKILLS

9 early childhood and home visiting programs served **4,400 children** last year, boosting literacy, problem-solving, and parent involvement—key defenses against poverty, neglect, and conflict.

6 parenting programs reached **1,950 children and caregivers** last year, building confidence, strong relationships, and skills that help prevent stress, neglect, and abuse leading to happy, healthy children.



BOOSTING HOUSEHOLD STABILITY

Last year, **6 health & wellbeing programs** supported **35,700 children and their caregivers** by providing essentials like diapers, food, and healthcare, easing stress and helping families manage expenses.

8 housing programs assisted **2,360 individuals** last year, offering emergency shelter, housing aid, and legal support to ensure family safety and stability for long-term planning.

2 transportation programs assisted **144 children and their families** last year, helping them access work, groceries, healthcare, and essential services, thereby removing transportation barriers.

Future Accountant



YOUR GIFT BUILDS STRONGER STARTS

\$1/WEEK

Dinner for a family of 3 in an emergency shelter

\$3/WEEK

Provides art supplies for 3 children to work through trauma in an after-school program

\$5/WEEK

Provides 3 in-home visits that help children get ready for kindergarten

\$10/WEEK

Will buy enough basic hygiene to last a two-family household for 3 months

\$1,000/YEAR

Provides legal assistance for 8 survivors of domestic violence