

United Way in Waukesha County Program and Initiative Guide



**Your contribution is an important investment in
the community.**

There are two areas that United Way provides funding: initiative investments and program investments. United Way brings together partnerships to address community issues at their source resulting in changes that are lasting.

The community-wide initiatives build relationships with multiple partners that include education, government, businesses, volunteers, faith-based organizations and others. Partners address issues too broad in scope and beyond the resources of any one government agency or non-profit to truly have an impact alone.

Initiatives

Born Learning

Targeted Community Outcome: Parents/guardians of children ages 0 to 5 have the information needed to help with their child's development.

Partners: Lutheran Social Services, National Center for Learning Excellence (Head Start), Prevention and Protection of Abused Children, Pregnancy Support Connection, Inc., United Way in Waukesha County

Caregiver Support

Targeted Community Outcome: Individuals in need of caregiver support are connected to appropriate community resources for support.

Partners: Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County, Alzheimer's Association of SE Wisconsin, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Catholic Charities, Community Memorial Hospital, CRL Senior Living Communities, Curative Care Network, Elmbrook Church, Home Instead Senior Care, Interfaith Senior Programs, Lutheran Social Services, Regency Senior Communities – Muskego, MS Society, Southeastern Wisconsin Area Agency on Aging, United Way in Waukesha County

Helping Kids Succeed

Targeted Community Outcome: Parents/guardians are actively engaged with their children in school, the community, and in family related activities.

Partners: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Hadfield School, Hamilton School District, Mukwonago School District, Oconomowoc School District, Waukesha School District, Wisconsin Community Services, Waukesha County Health & Human Services, United Way in Waukesha County

Financial Stability

Targeted Community Outcome: Hard working families, struggling to meet basic needs, are able to increase income, build savings, and gain assets.

Partners: La Casa de Esperanza, Associated Bank, AXA Advisors (AXA Equitable – Retirement Benefits Group Employment Readiness Systems), Halquist Stone, Hebron House of Hospitality, Inc., Landmark Credit Union, M&I Bank, QuadGraphics, United Way in Waukesha County Volunteer Center, University of Wisconsin – Waukesha, U.S. Bank, Waukesha County Technical College, Waukesha State Bank

Transportation Access

Targeted Community Outcome: Individuals and families have access to transportation for needed services that include maintenance, employment, family support and safety.

Partners: Best Cab, Catholic Charities, Community Care, Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha, Hebron House of Hospitality, Hispanic Community Health Resource Center, Interfaith Seniors Programs, La Casa de Esperanza, Metro Transit, The Women's Center, Waukesha County Community Development Block Grant, United Way in Waukesha County

Programs

Funding essential service programs provides a response to the immediate or short-term needs of individuals and families. Contributions provide local funding for local needs.

Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP)

Community Orienteering – Re-introduces people with disabilities back to the community by helping them learn landmarks, street names and local community resources.

American Red Cross in Southeastern Wisconsin

Disaster Services – Direct service provided by trained American Red Cross volunteers and staff to help residents in Waukesha County prevent and prepare for emergencies and respond to them when they do occur.

Educational Services – Teaches the community safety skills such as water safety, babysitting safety, CPR, first aid and lifeguard training.

Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps (ARCh)

Advocacy – Provides individuals with disabilities, their families and legal guardians assistance in accessing services, maintaining them, and planning for the future.

Activities to Build Life Experiences (ABLE) – Day camp for individuals with disabilities.

Prevention Awareness and Community Education (PACE) – Promotes the health and safety of children through providing education to students, professionals and the community at-large to prevent disabilities caused by shaken baby syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, lead poisoning and childhood accidents.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee & Waukesha County

Mentoring – Provides school-based and one-on-one mentoring services to youth in the Waukesha area to help them improve academic performance.

Boy Scouts of America, Potawatomi Area Council

Youth Development – The goal of the program is to instill in the children an interest in the values of scouting and to encourage participation in constructive youth opportunities through scouting.

Catholic Charities

Counseling – Provides outpatient mental health counseling to low-income, uninsured families, including Spanish-speaking individuals, in Waukesha and Menomonee Falls.

Supported Parenting – Provides in-home parenting support services and advocacy to parents with intellectual disabilities to ensure that their children are nurtured, safe and healthy.

Outreach and Case Management Services – Provides assistance to low-income Hispanics and other individuals and families in Waukesha County. Staff problem solve, identify resources, advocate and empower clients to make community connections.

In-Home Support – Assists older adults and those with disabilities to remain safely in their homes by providing light housekeeping, grocery shopping, errands.

Social Respite Program – Provides a safe, loving and fun environment for adults with mild to moderate dementia, providing their caregivers a break from the stresses of caregiving.

Community Outreach Health Clinic

Clinic Services – Located in Menomonee Falls, the clinic provides health services to uninsured and underinsured clients.

Curative Care Network

Seniors Program – Provides tools and education to caregivers that facilitate new and meaningful connections between the caregiver and dementia patients.

Donna Lexa Community Art Center, Inc.

Art – Provides art education and art therapy for individuals with disabilities. Goals include creativity through self-expression, independence, peer interaction and community integrity.

Easter Seals Southeastern Wisconsin

After School Program – Provides educational, therapeutic, respite and recreational services for people with disabilities and other special needs, helping children and adults gain independence achieving full developmental potential.

Supported Employment – Provides assessment, job placement, training and follow up to individuals with disabilities placed in a variety of companies within the community.

Training Services – Assists individuals with disabilities in learning advanced work skills and how to continually make improvements and make personal adjustments. It allows the trainee to learn specific vocational skills and the necessary adaptive behaviors to qualify for competitive employment.

Energy Services, Inc.

Energy Emergency Program – Provides outreach and case management services to individuals and families with energy needs to avoid life-threatening situations and maintain self-sufficiency.

Family Service of Waukesha County

Budget Counseling – Helps individuals experiencing financial problems identify and resolve their issues with creditors to avoid bankruptcy.

Center for the Prevention of Family Violence – Provides education and counseling for male and female perpetrators of domestic violence in a group setting. Includes groups for those who have acted out in anger and need help with setting manageable boundaries around their anger.

Cooperative Parenting Center – Education and skill building groups designed to offset the potential negative effects of divorce on children. Groups assist divorcing and separating parents to form “business-like” co-parenting relationships.

Adult Counseling – Offers individual, couple and family counseling in Waukesha and Oconomowoc.

Children’s Place – A comprehensive child therapy clinic that provides counseling to children ages 3–13 and their families. All clinic therapists are child therapy trained and specialize in treating children who have been traumatized by abuse or parental neglect or abandonment.

The C.A.R.E. Center – A multi-agency collaboration that assists child abuse investigations and serves child victims of abuse by providing forensic interviews, medical exams and family advocacy all under one roof so child victims must tell their abuse stories only once.

Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE)

Youth Development – Offers informal education opportunities that help girls 5–17 to develop values, learn new skills, and make contributions to the community.

Healthy Families of Waukesha County, Inc.

Healthy Families – This program is aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect by providing intensive home visitation services to families with newborns who are at-risk for child maltreatment, abuse and neglect.

Hebron House of Hospitality, Inc.

Emergency Shelter – Provides temporary emergency shelter for single women and their families.

Housing Assistance – Provides help to low and middle income residents in finding affordable housing, assisting with no-interest loans for rent and security deposits and working with households to achieve self-sufficiency through case management.

Jeremy House – A temporary emergency shelter for individuals with mental illness.

Interfaith Senior Programs, Inc.

Faith in Action – Provides essential support services to frail and isolated older adults and adults with disabilities.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program – Places volunteers aged 55+ in schools and nonprofits.

La Casa de Esperanza, Inc.

Children and Youth – This bilingual/bicultural program focuses on the overall development of each child, specifically language development. An after-school component for school-aged children provides a place for tutoring and supervision of children aged 6–18.

Family Self-Sufficiency – Enables low-income families with dependent children to become economically and socially independent through the coordination and delivery of services and helps them secure affordable housing and employment.

Workforce Development– Provides training and education to individuals for employment.

Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha, Inc.

Tutoring – Provides tutoring for individuals whose skills are below the fifth grade level in reading, writing, spelling, math and English as a second language.

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan, Inc.

Adult Day Care – Provides day care services to frail elderly adults and those with disabilities.

Counseling – Provides individual/family counseling.

Mental Health Association in Waukesha County, Inc.

Community Prevention – Provides mental health promotion and mental illness education for youth and adults. The program offers a video lending library, speakers bureau, newsletters, resource center, literature distribution, educational programs, lectures and puppet shows.

2-1-1/First Call For Help – Callers faced with a crisis have their immediate needs met by knowing what community resources to access, avoiding a crisis situation.

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Inc. (NAMI) --- Waukesha

Education and Information – Provides recovery oriented educational programs that educate regarding mental illness and eliminate the stigma associated with brain disorders.

Support and Advocacy – Provides support and advocacy services for people affected by mental illness.

Pregnancy Support Connection, Inc.

Case Management – Support services provide prenatal education and care coordination to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Childbirth Education – Specialized program providing participants with critical information, education, and guidance on the labor and delivery process, breathing and relaxation techniques as well as infant care.

Prevention and Protection of Abused Children, Inc. (PPAC)

Anger Management – Offers education and support to all participants, creating positive change for the family and individual. The participants learn to understand the cause of their anger and develop the skills to effectively handle situations.

Supervised Visitation – Provides opportunities for children in abusive relationships to visit with one or both parents in a supervised setting.

Richard's Place, Inc.

Case Management – Provides case management for participants with HIV. Provides comfort to participants and connects them with community resources allowing clients to remain living at home.

Salvation Army, Waukesha

Emergency Lodging – Provides emergency shelter, food and other services to homeless men.

Family Services – Provides food, vouchers to local thrift stores for clothing, and prescription and utility assistance for individuals in need.

Meal Program – Serves hot meals to individuals and families in need.

St. Aemilian-Lakeside, Inc.

Spring City Corner Clubhouse – Helps individuals who have been socially and vocationally disabled by mental illness achieve or regain self-confidence and skills needed to lead productive lives.

St. Joseph's Medical and Dental Clinic, Inc.

Clinic – Provides free or discounted medical and dental care, medications, and related support services to low-income and uninsured residents of Waukesha County.

Stillwaters Cancer Support Services

Cancer Support Services – Professional counseling and support at no cost to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis (patient, family member, caregiver). Counseling, support groups, workshops and grief programs help heal the mind, body and spirit.

The Caring Place

Adult Day Care – Provides day care services to frail, elderly adults.

Meals on Wheels – Provides in-home meal delivery to elderly, disabled individuals, and individuals with special dietary needs.

The Women's Center, Inc.

Child Abuse Prevention – Provides counseling, support groups and education classes to individuals seeking assistance with parenting skills as well as free onsite childcare while clients use other services.

Employment – Provides individual and group counseling and workshops to women who are entering the job market.

Sexual Abuse & Assault Counseling Services – Provides short-term crisis intervention counseling, ongoing support groups and advocacy to victims of sexual assault and abuse.

Sister House – Provides emergency shelter, individual counseling, support groups and legal advocacy to women and their children who have experienced domestic abuse.

Transitional Living – Provides safe, affordable housing for up to two years for women and their children who have decided to make the transition from an abusive environment to independent living.

Waukesha Family YMCA

Aquatics – Provides swimming, fitness and water safety instruction for children and youth.

Daycare – Provides fun, safety, support and nurturing care for children enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade before and after school and on scheduled non-school days.

Older Adults – Provides seniors with various services directed at keeping older adults healthy and fit; includes health-related programs and warm water pool for various ailments.

Youth Development – Helps youth develop positive values, learn to appreciate diversity, become leaders and supporters, and develop lifelong physical fitness habits through a variety of activities ranging from gymnastics to involvement in sports.

Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.

Mediation and Restorative Justice Center – Provides mediation services and training for the community.

YMCA at Pabst Farms

Aquatics – Provides swimming, fitness and water safety programs that help lead preschool and school aged youth to improve self confidence.

Daycare – Provides state licensed before and after school care for youth ages 3–12.

Older Adults – Provides seniors with group exercise classes and social opportunities to enhance individual health and wellness.

Youth Development – Provides a variety of program opportunities for preschool and school aged youth that cultivate values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors and better health.