Improving People’s Health & Safety

Achieving and maintaining good health is important during all of life’s stages. Yet, Milwaukee remains one of the unhealthiest cities in the state. Whether it is a teen struggling to make the right decision, a senior in need of home health care or a survivor of abuse fighting to find a safer environment, United Way is working to improve the quality of life for all.

Health Overview

One in five children in the United States has a diagnosable mental illness, yet nearly two thirds of them get little or no help.

United Way Impact

United Way works to increase access to high quality, affordable mental health care for children. Of the children who participated in United Way-funded behavioral and mental health programming:
- 89% improved or maintained their behavior at home.
- 89% improved or maintained their behavior at school.
- 95% were cooperating with other children.

One in every four women nation-wide will experience intimate partner (domestic) violence in her lifetime.

United Way Impact

United Way works to increase the number of youth and adults who are healthy and safe by reducing intimate partner violence. Of those who participated in United Way-funded intimate partner violence programming, 96% said they increased their knowledge or confidence in awareness of resources, legal rights and options, as well as increased their decision-making skills and safety planning abilities.

Social isolation because of failing health, transportation and lack of family support contribute to the growing need for older adult programs. Plus, older adults face the hardships of poverty due to reduced income, elevated health care costs, soaring utility expenses, fuel prices and lack of affordable resources.

United Way Impact

United Way works to increase the number of adults who are able to live independently and with dignity. Of those who participated in United Way-funded older adult support and independence programming:
- 69% said they increased their social inclusion by attending social activities.
- 75% said they were able to socialize and make friends.
- 92% said they felt supported and 95% said they felt they were treated with respect and dignity.

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Our Work in Health

In 2011-12, United Way of Greater Milwaukee funded 64 programs across 38 agencies, serving more than 235,000 individuals in the following issue areas:

- Access to Affordable and Healthy Food
- Behavioral and Mental Health Care
- Chemical Abuse and Dependency
- Disabilities Services
- Disaster Recovery
- Emergency Shelter (youth)
- Health Care Access
- Health Education/Prevention
- Information and Referral
- Intimate Partner (Domestic) Violence
- Older Adult Support and Independence
- Pregnancy Counseling/Parenting Support

2013-2014 Investments in Health: $9,831,183

Advocates of Ozaukee, Inc.
Funded Program: Intimate Partner Violence

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Funded Programs: Dental Clinic, Lifepoint

American Red Cross in Southeastern Wisconsin
Funded Programs: First Aid Service Team (FAST), Local Disaster Response

Aurora Family Services
Funded Programs: Elder Service Money Management, Milwaukee Mental Health Consultants, Systemic Family Counseling

Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin
Funded Programs: Aurora Adult Day Center, Aurora VNA Zilber Family Hospice, Home Health Services

Bay View Community Center, Inc.
Funded Program: 50+

Bread of Healing
Funded Program: Community Med Share

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Inc.
Funded Programs: Behavioral Health Services, In Home Support Services, Outreach Services, Pregnancy and Parenting Supportive Services

Centro Legal
Funded Program: Domestic Abuse and Family Law Program

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services
Funded Programs: Counseling for Children and Families, Pregnancy Counseling and Resources

COPE Services, Inc.
Funded Program: COPE Hotline

The Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse of Washington County
Funded Program: Germantown Prevention

Curative Care Network
Funded Program: Adult Day Services

Diverse & Resilient
Funded Program: End HIV

Fondy Food Center
Funded Program: Fondy Farmer’s Market

Friends of Abused Families, Inc.
Funded Program: Domestic Violence Project

Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center
Funded Programs: Older Adult Seniors, School Aged Special Needs-Shiluv, Special Needs-Chaverim

The Healing Center
Funded Program: Counseling Program for Underserved Survivors

IMPACT, Inc.
Funded Programs: Assessment and Referral, IMPACT 2-1-1

IndependenceFirst, Inc.
Funded Program: Attendant Referral

Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc.
Funded Programs: Family Caregiver Support Network, Neighborhood Outreach

Jewish Family Services, Inc.
Funded Programs: Case Management: Disabilities, Case Management: Older Adult, Individual & Family Counseling

Mental Health America of Wisconsin
Funded Programs: Mental Health Access, Mental Health Advancement

Meta House
Funded Program: Transitional Living

Milwaukee Christian Center
Funded Program: Elderly Adult Support Services

Milwaukee Women’s Center, Inc.
Funded Programs: Emergency Shelter, Nevermore Batters Treatment

New Concept Self Development Center, Inc.
Funded Program: Each One Reach One

Ozaukee Family Services
Funded Programs: Counseling Services, Prevention

The Parenting Network
Funded Program: Parent Helpline

Pathfinders
Funded Programs: Clinical Services, Pathfinders Youth Shelter, Q-BLOK

Penfield Children’s Center
Funded Program: Behavioral Health Clinic

Portal Industries, Inc.
Funded Program: Employment Readiness and Advancement

Safe Babies Healthy Families, Inc.
Funded Program: Childbirth & Infant Preparation Services

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Dental Clinic
Funded Program: Restorative Care

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, Inc.
Funded Program: The Great Start Program

Sojourner Family Peace Center, Inc.
Funded Programs: Batters Anonymous - Beyond Abuse Courthouse Advocacy, Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates, Emergency Shelter

Starting Point of Ozaukee, Inc.
Funded Program: LEAD Program

United Community Center, Inc.
Funded Program: Elderly Program

Walker’s Point Youth & Family Center, Inc.
Funded Program: Runaway Services

Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.
Funded Program: Criminal Justice Intervention