

WE FIGHT FOR EDUCATION



United Way of East Central Iowa's (UWECI) mission is to unite the caring power of communities to invest in effective solutions that improve people's lives.

We partner with donors, volunteers, corporate partners, and agencies throughout East Central Iowa to ensure every member of our community has the opportunity to reach their full potential through education, financial stability, and healthcare.

- Learning begins long before the first day of school—starting as early as birth—and low-income children often fall behind in developing skills crucial for success later in life. Being behind this young can set the course for the rest of a student's academic career.
- If a child is not reading proficiently by the end of third grade, they are 4x more likely not to graduate high school on time.
- If this child is low-income, they are 13x more likely not to graduate high school on time than a higher-income, proficient peer.
- If an individual does not graduate from high school, they will earn less than those with a high school diploma or college degree and be more likely to experience poverty.

UWECI works alongside the following organizations to invest in programs, collaborations, and solutions designed to help all children in East Central Iowa have the skills and opportunities to succeed in school, work, and life:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Jane Boyd
- Waypoint
- Boys and Girls Club
- Kids First Law Center
- YPN
- HACAP Headstart
- Kids on Course

“Seeing how we work together, and how it **MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS** in our community, has been the most fulfilling to see in person.”

Staff member, YPN

FY18 Results



1,162 YOUTH
have a positive
attitude toward school

1,064 YOUTH
improved social-
emotional skills

509 YOUTH
improved attendance
in school



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