

2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

Increase the percentage of central Iowa students who graduate from high school to 95 percent by 2020.

United Way of Central Iowa supports policies to increase the number of Iowa children reading proficiently by the end of third grade, a key indicator of high school graduation.

- Fully fund summer learning and literacy programs
- Raise Pre-K funding level for low-income students
- Support the Governor's Chronic Absenteeism Advisory Council recommendations

INCOME

Increase the percentage of central Iowans who are financially self-sufficient to 75 percent by 2020.

United Way of Central Iowa advocates for policies that enable Iowans to upskill and sustain employment to increase income.

- Eliminate the child care "cliff effect" by expanding Child Care Assistance Program eligibility and adjusting provider reimbursement rates
- Support the Iowa Skills2Compete Coalition recommendations

HEALTH

Increase central Iowa's Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index score to 64.5 by 2020.

United Way of Central Iowa advocates for a comprehensive, holistic approach to health and well-being, focused on prevention and addressing root causes of poor health outcomes.

- Support the Iowa ACEs 360 Coalition recommendations
- Ensure successful implementation and management of an adult mental health system
- Support the Well Kids of Central Iowa Coalition recommendations