

# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2018



United Way  
of Central Iowa

**P** Policy

**\$↓** Fiscal Ask

**\$→** Maintain Funds

**\$REV↑** Revenue Increase

**\$REV↓** Revenue Decrease

## EDUCATION

Increase the percentage of central Iowa students who graduate from high school to 95%

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.

- P** Support the Future Ready Iowa Alliance recommendation to identify and scale early academic and career development approaches.
- P** Promote data sharing for developmental screenings across state-funded programs and agencies.

## INCOME

Increase the percentage of central Iowans who are financially self-sufficient to 75%

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 income eligibility and adjusting provider reimbursement rates.
- P** **\$→** Support the Iowa Skills2Compete Coalition recommendations.
- P** Repeal automatic driver’s license suspension for non-driving drug offenders.
- \$REV↑** Work to advance state engagement with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training program (SNAP E&T).

## HEALTH

Increase central Iowa’s Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index score to 64.5

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

- P** **\$→** Support the Iowa ACEs 360 Coalition recommendations.
- P** Support the Well Kids of Central Iowa Coalition recommendations.
- P** Ensure access to quality mental and health care services for all central Iowans with a focus on vulnerable populations served by Medicaid.

## ESSENTIAL NEEDS

United Way of Central Iowa works to secure the basic needs of all Iowans to impact our community goals.

- \$REV↓** Support a sales tax exemption for food banks and pantries serving low-income Iowans.
- P** Increase awareness of 2-1-1 and the services provided to Iowans.