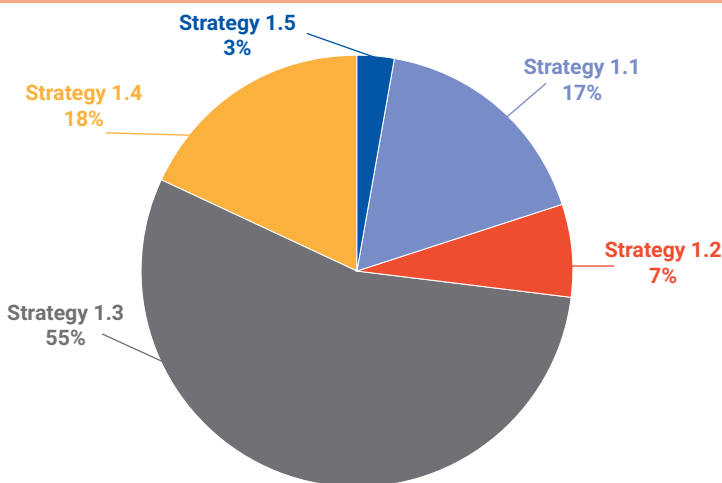


# WOMEN UNITED

United Way of Central Iowa's Women United brings caring women together to improve children's lives. More than 700 Women United members give their time, voices, influence, and resources to improve the quality of early care and learning in central Iowa.



## WOMEN UNITED INVESTMENTS FY2019



## WOMEN UNITED STRATEGIES

### 1.1 Provide access to preventive health services that foster positive children's physical & mental health development

#### Supports:

- Smile Squad – Dental care
- Licensed social worker
- Developmental screenings
- First Five

### 1.2 Provide resources and supports to families that strengthen interaction & promote early learning in a home environment

#### Supports:

- Literacy specialist
- Literacy support
- Play & Learn

### 1.3 Expand access & improve the quality of early care & education environments for at-risk children

#### Supports:

- Teddy Bear Town – Child care at Scavo High School
- Reach for the Stars – Quality Improvement Mini-Grants
- Early Childhood Quality Initiative (Equip)
- Quality early learning centers
- Child care nurse consultants
- Quality Rating System action plans
- Child Care Scholarships

### 1.4 Improve quality of training & professional development for early care & education providers

#### Supports:

- TEACH scholarships for degrees or credentials in early child care
- Refugee child care providers
- Training & development
- WAGES - Education-based salary supplements

### 1.5 Increase availability & utilization of quality pre-school for at-risk children

#### Supports:

- Book Buddy – Volunteers read with preschoolers