

PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA 2020

United Way of Central Indiana fights for the education, financial stability, health and basic needs of every person in its community. In 2020, United Way will lead, collaborate and support a number of issues that will eliminate many barriers to Hoosiers and further strengthen the opportunities for children and families throughout Indiana.

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#1 SUSTAIN PROGRESS FOR PRE-K

United Way of Central Indiana advocates for the sustained progress for early childhood education across Indiana through On My Way Pre-K, the program serving four-year-olds from low-income families. We continue to support meaningful expansion of the program by the state in the 2021 budget session as well as the commitment to spend the dollars currently appropriated in this biennium. In addition, we advocate for continued improvements to be made in the enrollment process for Hoosier families and a change to the statute to remove the cap of \$6,800 in state expenditures for non-CCDF eligible scholarships.

Why is Pre-k important?

Simply put, education is the best path out of poverty. Pre-k leads to early school success, reductions in grade retention, and increased high school graduation rates. In turn, pre-k is a powerful, two-generational workforce development solution, in which the needs of working parents and caregivers are met by investing in the long-term success of their children.

#2 BUILD THE WORKFORCE

As it connects to the Two-Generational Approach* to helping families thrive, United Way of Central Indiana supports growing post-secondary education and employment pathways for adults. As part of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Jobs program, United Way advocates for an increase in adult basic education programs, skills and training programs, and certification programs that lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs.

Why is workforce development important for our state?

Right now, **two million Hoosiers** need additional training to compete in the 21st century workforce. By 2025, there will be more than **1 million job openings** in Indiana due to retirements and the creation of new jobs. Indiana needs to ramp up efforts to educate, train and prepare Hoosiers for high-need, high-wage careers.

#3 IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF YOUNG HOOSIERS

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. More than 1 in 5 Hoosier high school students have tried cigarettes, and every year, roughly 3,100 Hoosier youth become new daily smokers. In 2019, Indiana had one of the highest rates of vaping in the nation, with e-cigarette use even more prevalent among Indiana's youth.

United Way of Central Indiana backs legislation that would raise the minimum purchase age of tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21 and asks for lawmakers to repeal the local preemption language. United Way also supports a cigarette tax increase by \$2 per pack, with a portion of that increase dedicated to public health and tobacco and prevention programs.

The Two-Generational Approach (2Gen) is a promising practice that builds family well-being by intentionally and simultaneously working with children and the adults in their lives together. As children, parents, and families grow and change across their lifespan, 2Gen programs line up opportunities to optimize each person's potential in the family unit.



Why will this effort be essential to Hoosiers?

Unless smoking rates are further reduced, an estimated 151,000 Indiana teens will ultimately die prematurely from usage of cigarettes and other combustible tobacco products (pipes, cigars, hookahs, and cigarillos). In addition, recent warnings by federal and state officials have indicated the strong possibility of severe illness and death associated with electronic cigarettes.

#4 SUPPORT AND CARE FOR HOOSIER CHILDREN

United Way of Central Indiana supports efforts to improve the internal climate and service provision of the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) through workforce development and retention, effective policies for investigating and managing cases, and services to children both in foster care and those aging out of foster care. Additionally, United Way supports efforts to prepare DCS for the impact on children and families affected by the opioid crisis in Indiana.

Why is support and care for Hoosier children a priority in this legislative session?

Research has determined that it's unlikely that children living in poverty or unstable environments will gain the support, education, guidance, and care they need to rise above their situation when they become adults. To strengthen our community, we must maximize the opportunities for our children.

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