

United Way Fights for Youth Opportunities

At the beginning of each school year, children in public and community school kindergarten programs are assessed using Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. This assessment includes ways for teachers to measure a child's readiness for engaging with instruction aligned to the kindergarten standards. Less than half of the children in Lake County enter kindergarten with enough skills, knowledge, and abilities to engage in kindergarten-level instruction. That means 57% of Lake County children may never catch up and risk being left behind throughout school.

Kindergarten Readiness Scores			
2023-2024 School Year	Demonstrating (270-298)	Approaching (258-269)	Emerging (202-257)
Mentor Schools	56.3%	29%	14.6%

Mentor residents directly benefited from these *Education* based United Way funded services this past year:
Top 5 most impactful programs only.

Agency	Program	Services
Lifeline	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	1,509
Starting Point	Lake County Devereux (DECA) Program	316
CROSSROADS HEALTH	Crossroads Health Ohio Early Intervention	116
Starting Point	Child Care Provider Training	32
Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance	Traditional Community Based Mentor Program	10

United Way Fights for Financial Stability

At United Way of Lake County, we work to remove barriers to self-sufficiency, including: transportation, adult education, stable housing, emergency services, banked with savings, basic life skills, food insecurity and safety. Our goal involves giving the hard-working residents of our community the ability to prosper by ensuring every individual and family has access to education, training, services, and resources.

2023 Poverty/ALICE* Data for Mentor

- Households: 20,034
- Percentage of Poverty Households= 6%
- Percentage of ALICE Households= 21%

Source: <https://www.unitedforalice.org/ohio>

*ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, is a new way of defining and understanding the struggles of households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford a bare-bones household budget.

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Mentor residents directly benefited from these *Financial Stability* based United Way funded services last year: Top 5 most impactful programs only

AGENCY	PROGRAM	SERVICES
Lifeline	2-1-1 Lake County	2,717
Lake County YMCA	Financial Assistance	493
The Salvation Army Corps Community Center	Emergency Services	288
Project Hope for the Homeless	Project Hope Shelter & Support Services	82
LGBTQ LAKE COUNTY	Safe Spaces Training	67

United Way Fights for **Healthy Communities**

Too many individuals in Lake County live in distress from being uninsured or under-insured. When it comes to accessing health services, a person's zip code, standing in life and job and financial status can serve as a harsh barrier to quality healthcare.

Mentor residents directly benefited from these Health based United Way funded services last year:

Top 5 impactful programs only:

AGENCY	PROGRAM	SERVICES
NAMI OF LAKE COUNTY	Ending the Silence	2,495
SIGNATURE HEALTH INC	Lake County Geriatric Care Liaison	239
LAKE COUNTY FREE CLINIC	Providing Vital Medical Care in Lake County	205
FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION WILLOUGHBY	Fine Arts Association Mental Health and Wellness Program	70
HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE INC	Western Reserve Navigator: Bringing In-Home Palliative Care to Seniors Living with	63

In addition to funding great programs to help Mentor residents, United Way regularly provides food to the following food pantries as part of our Feed Lake County program:

- Mentor United Methodist Church
- Mentor Plains
- St Gabes
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