

## 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.

Source: <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/download>

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

Mentor on the Lake residents directly benefited from these *Education* based United Way funded services this past

Agency	Program	Services
Lifeline	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	192
Starting Point	Child Care Provider Training	29
CROSSROADS HEALTH	Crossroads Health Ohio Early Intervention	11
Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance	Traditional Community Based Mentor Program	6
LAKE-GEAUGA RECOVERY CENTERS INC	Residential Child Care Worker	2

## 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 on the Lake

Households: 3,607

- Percentage of Poverty Households= 10%
- Percentage of ALICE Households= 25%

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.

More on the other side!



Mentor on the Lake residents directly benefited from these *Financial Stability* based United Way funded services last year:

*Top 5 services only*

AGENCY	PROGRAM	SERVICES
Lifeline	2-1-1 Lake County	353
The Salvation Army Corps Community Center	Emergency Services	89
Lake County YMCA	Financial Assistance	39
Wickliffe City School District	Family Resource Center of Wickliffe	38
LGBTQ LAKE COUNTY	Safe Spaces Training	12

## 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 on the Lake residents directly benefited from these Health based United Way funded services last year:

*Top 5 services only*

AGENCY	PROGRAM	SERVICES
LAKE COUNTY FREE CLINIC	Providing Vital Medical Care in Lake County	21
BIRTHRIGHT LAKE INC	Baby Formula	10
LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING	Congregate Lunch Site	7
SIGNATURE HEALTH INC	Lake County Geriatric Care Liaison	6
HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE INC	Western Reserve Navigator: Bringing In-Home Palliative Care to Seniors Living with Advanced Illness	4

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

- Mentor Plains United Methodist Church
- St. John Vianney
- St. Bede's
- United Methodist Church

