Together with you, our supporters, United Way of Medina County is tackling community issues that affect us all. Our goal is to ensure that all our children get a strong start in school, that our youth feel supported and are engaged in their communities, and that residents have an opportunity to improve their economic status. Here's a look at the statistics we are working hard to change.

### Early Childhood Development

**Economic Disadvantage Puts Children at Risk**

- Food insecurity/poor nutrition
- Environmental Toxin Exposure
- Low-quality Childcare
- Decreased Cognitive Stimulation
- Social/Emotional Problems
- Poor Start in School

For every 20 children in Medina County under age 6, 7 are economically disadvantaged, including 3 who are living in poverty. That's 5,422 at-risk children.

### Youth Engagement

**Top 6 Concerns of Medina County Youth**

1. Too Much Pressure
2. Bullying
3. Few Trustworthy Adults
4. Social Media Use
5. Depression & Suicide
6. No Outlets for Youth

1-in-4 youth in Medina County said they were depressed, defined as feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more.

### Income Stability / Employing Medina County

**3,700**

The number of families in Medina County living on annual incomes of less than $25,000 or about $12 an hour working full-time.

**$21.34**

The Living Wage for a family with 1 adult and 1 child living in Medina County.

### Basic Needs Support / 2-1-1 First Call for Help

**2,486**

Medina County residents contacting United Way's 2-1-1 Help Line in 2016 for social service needs.

### Top 5 Communities Contacting 2-1-1

1. Rittman
2. Lodi
3. Chippewa Lake
4. Medina City
5. Seville

* Data provided with assistance from The Center for Community Solutions
Our targeted Community Impact investments—made using objective data and guidance from our supporters and partners in local government, business, nonprofits, schools, and faith groups—totaled $701,000 for FY 2016-2017. The results of these investments are highlighted below.

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<th>Early Childhood Development</th>
<th>284 At-risk children participated in United Way-funded family reading, tutoring, and emotional/social support programming</th>
<th>68% Of at-risk children involved in United Way-funded family reading programs increased their emotional control and social skills</th>
<th>70% Of children participating in United Way-funded family reading programs are better prepared for Kindergarten</th>
<th>1,018 Students received weekend bags of meals to take home with funding, in part, from United Way</th>
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<td>Youth Engagement</td>
<td>4,509 Students participated in United Way-provided Youth Engagement programming, including the 2016 E4 Youth Summit and Youth Venture Teams</td>
<td>83% Of students receiving school-based counseling funded by United Way reported having healthier relationships</td>
<td>98% Of participants in United Way sponsored awareness and prevention programs reported knowing where to find help and access resources</td>
<td>61% Of students in United Way-funded peer-to-peer mentoring programs reported participating in at least one extracurricular activity</td>
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<td>Income Stability</td>
<td>67 Unemployed or underemployed county residents are enrolled and active in Employing Medina County</td>
<td>122 Residents have successfully completed Employing Medina County's curriculum since the program launched in 2015</td>
<td>36% Of Employing Medina County's participants are in some kind of post-secondary schooling or training</td>
<td>76% Of Employing Medina County's members are employed and on a career path to self-sufficiency</td>
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<td>87% Of 2:1:1 callers reported, upon follow-up, that help was in progress or that they had received help</td>
<td>39% Increase in the amount of time dedicated to spending with each 2:1:1 caller since 2012</td>
<td>97% Of surveyed clients would contact 2:1:1 again if they needed assistance</td>
<td>88% Of surveyed clients reported discovering new resources or information they found helpful</td>
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**Total Investment: $701,000**