

# United Way of Forsyth County's "Agenda For Change"

## United Way's Priority Issues

### Breakthrough Initiatives

Community Agenda	What are we trying to do?	Why are we doing it?	What are we trying to change?	What does success look like?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the high school graduation rate</li> </ul>	Ensure that students complete high school on-time	To create better opportunity for success in life for our young people and to enhance the economic competitiveness of Forsyth County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of students successfully completing core courses</li> <li>Rate of students reading at or above grade level</li> <li>Rate of students with math skills at or above grade level</li> <li>Rate of school attendance</li> <li>Number of discipline problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in the number of middle and high school students passing end of year tests</li> <li>Increase annual academic improvement of students</li> <li>Increase number of students at or above grade level in math and reading</li> <li>Increase in percentage of students graduating</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase financial stability of lower-income individuals and families</li> </ul>	Help families achieve greater financial stability	To assist families gain greater financial stability that enables them to avoid poverty and improve their quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Un- and under-employment rate of lower-income individuals</li> <li>Number of families with excessive debt</li> <li>Number of families having their homes foreclosed</li> <li>Number of eligible residents getting free tax assistance</li> <li>Rate of homeownership among eligible lower-income families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease debt</li> <li>Improve credit/debt ratio</li> <li>Increase income and job opportunities</li> <li>Increase use of free tax services and the Earned Income Tax Credit</li> <li>Increase in number of eligible people owning a home</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase Forsyth County residents' access to healthcare services, and reduce childhood obesity</li> </ul>	Increase access to affordable medical care; ensure school aged-children attain or maintain a healthy body weight by increasing physical activity and eating a healthy diet	To improve health outcomes and ensure that our children avoid obesity-related chronic health conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of doctors' offices versus emergency rooms for primary care services</li> <li>Access to affordable medications</li> <li>Access to disease management programs</li> <li>Number of children with healthy body mass indexes</li> <li>Number of children getting appropriate physical activity and using healthy eating habits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease use of emergency rooms for non-urgent needs</li> <li>Improved access to medications for chronic conditions</li> <li>Improved health outcomes for individuals with chronic conditions</li> <li>Decline in number of obese children</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate chronic homelessness and improve the human care system's effectiveness for all persons experiencing a housing crisis</li> </ul>	Eliminate chronic homelessness and decrease temporary homelessness	To improved the quality of life for individuals who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of chronically homeless individuals</li> <li>Amount of affordable housing with support services</li> <li>Number of temporarily homeless individuals and families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fewer homeless individuals and families</li> <li>Fewer individuals living in shelters</li> <li>Decrease time spent in shelters by homeless individuals and families</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the quality of life for individuals and families facing mental illness, substance abuse, and/or developmental disabilities</li> </ul>	Develop a rapid care system for people with mental health challenges; enhance caregivers' ability to care for their loved ones	To ensure that individuals facing mental health issues and individuals with development disabilities receive the services they need to improve their quality of life and their caregivers can access needed resources to support them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amount of time spent waiting for mental health services</li> <li>Service provider awareness of assessment needs and available resources</li> <li>Availability of high quality services for individuals with developmental disabilities</li> <li>Amount of respite care services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreased wait times for treatment</li> <li>Improved quality of life</li> <li>Increased functioning</li> <li>Increased ability of individuals to locate and access respite care and treatment services in a timely manner</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Forsyth County</li> </ul>	Ensure parents, caretakers, service providers, and children have the knowledge and skills to prevent and treat child abuse	To ensure that children grow up in safe and supportive environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents' skills related to parenting and healthy child development</li> <li>Knowledge among all community agencies on how to respond when abuse is suspected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fewer children abused or neglected</li> <li>Increased awareness by community members</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the rate of domestic violence</li> </ul>	Prevent domestic violence and ensure that victims are not abused again; educate and empower community members to actively prevent domestic violence	To increase safety and promote healthy relationships within families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic violence victims' ability to take action that increases their own safety and well-being</li> <li>Victims' ability to provide for the safety of their children</li> <li>Use of best practice protocol by all agencies</li> <li>Public understanding of domestic violence as a serious health issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of victims who remove themselves and children from harm and experience greater self-sufficiency</li> <li>Increase community agencies' abilities to respond and provide supportive services</li> <li>Ensure abusers are held accountable for actions and comply with court orders</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the infant mortality rate</li> </ul>	Ensure that women will be healthy before they become pregnant or pregnant again and that women will be able to provide a safe and supportive environment for their infants	To ensure all babies will thrive in their first year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women receive adequate healthcare prior to and during pregnancy</li> <li>Women stop smoking before and during pregnancy and women avoid second-hand smoke when pregnant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease in the number of women having premature births and babies are healthy in their first year</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the basic needs of individuals, families, seniors, and children experiencing hunger, emergency financial challenges, and/or disasters</li> </ul>	Strengthen the coordination among emergency financial assistance providers; ensure that a safety net is available to community members in need	To increase coordination among service providers, decrease duplication of services provided to clients, close the gaps in existing services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families in need of basic assistance are served in the most efficient and effective way possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustain ability of community members to receive food and basic need assistance</li> <li>Increase coordination among agencies</li> </ul>

# Partner Agency Alignment with Priority Areas

Education	Income	Health
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Catholic Social Services	Cancer Services
Boy Scouts of America	Consumer Credit Counseling	Community Care Center
Catholic Social Services	Experiment in Self-Reliance	YMCA
Crosby Scholars	Family Services	YWCA
Girl Scouts	Goodwill Industries	
Imprints for Families	Second Harvest Food Bank	
Mediation Services	W-S Urban League	
The Salvation Army	YMCA	
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Family Violence	Behavioral Health/Dev. Dis.	Basic Needs/Homelessness
Exchange SCAN	Amos Cottage	American Red Cross
Family Services	Bowman Gray Child Guidance	Bethesda Center
Legal Aid Society	Centers for Exceptional Children	Experiment in Self-Reliance
	The Enrichment Center	The Salvation Army
	Family Services	Second Harvest Food Bank
	The Fellowship Home	
	Group Homes	
	Mental Health Association	
	Partnership for a Drug-Free NC	
	Youth Opportunities	
	YWCA	

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