

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"> Increase the high school graduation rate 	Ensure that 9th graders complete high school within four years	To create better opportunity for success in life for our young people; enhance the economic competitiveness of Forsyth County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate of students passing End of Grade tests Rate of students reading at or above grade level School attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the number of middle and high school students passing their End-of-Grade tests Increase in school attendance Increase in percentage of students graduating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase financial stability of lower-income individuals and families 	Help families achieve greater financial stability	To increase long-term financial stability for individuals and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve credit scores and access to traditional credit and loans Help eligible residents receive the Earned Income Tax Credit Increase homeownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in credit scores More people earning a higher wage More individuals obtaining the Earned Income Tax Credit Increase in number of people owning a home through affordable financing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase Forsyth County residents' access to healthcare services, and reduce childhood obesity 	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"> Increase use of primary care services and reduce inappropriate use of Emergency rooms Increase access to affordable medications Increase access to disease management programs Increase the number of children enrolled in health insurance programs Increase physical activity and healthy eating habits among parents and children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less emergency room use for non-urgent needs Sustainable pharmaceutical access program Decline in number of obese children Children are active and maintain a healthy weight
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate chronic homelessness and improve the human care system's effectiveness for all persons experiencing a housing crisis 	Eliminate chronic homelessness and decrease temporary homelessness	To provide individuals and families with safe and affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the number of chronically homeless Access to affordable housing with support services Number of temporarily homeless 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer homeless individuals and families Fewer individuals living in shelters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the quality of life for individuals and families facing mental illness, substance abuse, and/or developmental disabilities 	Develop a rapid care system for people with mental health challenges; enhance caregivers' ability to care for their loved ones	To ensure that individuals in crisis and their caregivers can access needed resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease wait times Increase service provider awareness of assessment needs and available resources Increase amount of respite care services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorter wait times for treatment Individuals locate and access respite care and treatment services in a timely manner Improve quality of life Increase functioning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Forsyth County 	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"> Increase parents' skills related to parenting and healthy child development Increase knowledge among all community agencies on how to respond when abuse is suspected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer children abused or neglected Increased awareness by community members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the rate of domestic violence 	Prevent domestic violence and ensure that victims are not abused again; community members are educated and empowered to actively prevent domestic violence	To increase safety and promote healthy relationships within families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase domestic violence victims' ability to take action that increases their own safety and well-being Increase victims' ability to provide for the safety of their children Create a best practice protocol used by all agencies. Increase public understanding of domestic violence as serious public health issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victims remove themselves and children from harm and experience increased self-sufficiency Community agencies have increased ability to respond and provide supportive services All providers use best practice methods Abusers are held accountable for actions and comply with court orders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the infant mortality rate 	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"> Women receive adequate healthcare prior to and during pregnancy Women stop smoking before and during pregnancy and women avoid second-hand smoke when pregnant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women have fewer premature births and babies are healthy in their first year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the basic needs of individuals, families, seniors, and children experiencing hunger, emergency financial challenges, and/or disasters 	Strengthen the coordination among emergency financial assistance providers. Enroll eligible individuals in government benefit programs	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"> Families in need of basic assistance are served in the most efficient way possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible families enroll for benefits Increased coordination among agencies