



Through the United Way's **Community Impact** work, United Ways focus on select, priority issues in which it can work with partners to create lasting changes for positive impact on our community's future. It's not just about meeting today's needs, but developing strategies to address root causes and deliver positive results for the future.

2008 Community Impact Survey Results

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| 15% Employment: pay/jobs | 11% Poverty |
| 15% Job Training/Workforce development | 6% Illiteracy |
| 17% School readiness/quality preschools | 1% Gangs |
| 42% Academic achievement/Youth dropout | 4% Affordable child-care |
| 19% Youth activities after school | 7% Teen pregnancy |
| 30% Affordable health care/Coverage | 12% Access to health care |
| 3% Recreation/Leisure opportunities | 9% Crime |
| 28% Domestic violence/abuse | 27% Transportation |
| 19% Financial stability: income, budgets & assets | 9% Maternal & Infant well being |
| 16% Health promotion/prevention | 39% Basic Needs: food, shelter |
| 34% Elderly services/programs | 7% Disaster Preparedness |
| 58% Substance Abuse-alcohol/drugs | 13% Mental/emotional health |
| 28% Homelessness/Affordable Housing | |



Results of the top THREE goals to help build our community's Agenda for Change:

39% Families have access to support and activities that help them become strong, happy and self-sufficient.

30% There is increased awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and a decrease in cases of abuse and addiction.

13% There is a reduction in homelessness and more affordable housing available.

14% All children have the opportunity to be cared for and have fun as they learn and become ready for school.

35% All youth have access to support and activities that help them be productive and stay in school.

17% Senior Citizens are able to stay healthy in their homes through support services and access to quality elder day care.

28% There is an increase in availability of jobs that pay a living wage and more people can access them because of job skills training.

17% There is a decrease in the need for emergency food and shelter as people gain stability through financial counseling/education.

30% All families and individuals have access to free or affordable quality health care, regardless of income.

6 % Persons with mental illness or other disabilities have access to quality treatment and support that help them become strong, happy and as self-sufficient as possible.

12% All people have access to transportation for work, school, errands, activities and social services.