

United Way of Jackson County Funded Programs Impacting Education

The goal is to align with Cradle2Career and ensure all Jackson County students meet state education requirements and graduate college- or career-ready. Special emphasis is placed on programs that promote early grade reading and math proficiency.

Site Based Mentoring – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County

This is an in school, one-to-one mentoring program consisting of the Bigs In Schools Program and the Learn & Serve Teen Mentoring Classroom-to-Classroom Program. Students are paired with a caring mentor who focuses on creating social, academic, and emotional successes.

FIRST – Child Care Netork

Provides scholarships for low-income families giving low-income children the opportunity for high quality child care programs. The program includes in-depth case management to families, targeting areas identified by the parent(s).

Girl Scouts Outreach – Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

Offers the opportunity for all girls to be a part of Girl Scouting programs. The program targets areas that are under-served with volunteer leaders, often being lower socioeconomic areas in the county. The program focuses on building character and skills needed for success in life.

Attendance Connection – Jackson County ISD

A community partnership to thoroughly analyze student attendance data in hopes of creating county-wide protocols addressing absenteeism in elementary aged students.

After School Program – Lily Missions Center

After school programming that allows students to fulfill school requirements, increase state testing scores, and participate in life-building opportunities such as community service and physical activity in a safe environment.

Energizing Education – United Way of Jackson County

An early childhood literacy/mentoring program supervised by a literacy specialist and aiming to have all Jackson County students reading at or above grade level by 3rd grade.

United Way of Jackson County Funded Programs Impacting Financial Stability

The goal is to promote financial stability and independence across Jackson County's population.

Domestic Violence Shelter Program – AWARE

An emergency shelter that provides safe, temporary housing for women and their children who have experienced domestic violence.

Financial Stability Program – Community Action Agency

Various financial stability programs including debt reduction and home ownership education that promote financial independence and self-sufficiency.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program – Community Action Agency

An IRS sponsored program providing free income tax preparation to low-to-mid income tax payers.

Jackson County Adult Guardian Services – Family Service & Children's Aid

Guardian and conservator services to incapacitated adults that are vulnerable to exploitation and are unable to protect their own interests.

Juvenile Diversion Program – Family Service & Children's Aid

Provides at-risk juveniles with services promoting school attendance, improved decision-making, prevention of recidivism, and improve the family relationship.

Assisted Living For Senior Women – Jackson Friendly Home

Offers low-income housing for elderly women.

Assisted Living For Elderly Gentlemen – John George Home

Provides low-income housing for elderly men.

Legal Services for Very Low Income Individuals & Families – Legal Services of South Central Michigan

Provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals. Emphasis placed on homelessness prevention, domestic violence, and assistance in accessing food, healthcare, and basic needs cases.

Jackson County Mediation/Eviction Diversion Program – Legal Services of South Central Michigan

A collaboration of Jackson County nonprofit agencies seeking to prevent homelessness and promoting family relationships and financial stability.

Basic Needs – Salvation Army

Provides food, energy, and housing assistance to low to moderate income residents.

United Way of Jackson County Funded Programs Impacting Health

The goal is to partner with organizations that improve or sustain community health.

Sexual Assault Program – AWARE

Providing community education striving to eliminate sexual violence. Initial medical attention to assault victims, and counseling referrals for women and children who have experienced sexual assault or violence.

Trauma Counseling – AWARE

Individual and group counseling to women and children who have been victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Community Based Mentoring – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County

One-to-one mentoring program focusing on fostering healthy choices, emotional well-being, and academic success of young people through positive role-modeling relationships.

Outpatient Counseling – Catholic Charities

Wide range of mental health and substance abuse services for children, families, and adults with an emphasis on creating strong family relationships and maintaining good mental health.

Breakout Drug Education – Family Service & Children's Aid

School-based drug prevention education for middle and high school students.

Family Counseling – Family Service & Children's Aid

Accredited, comprehensive mental and behavioral health counseling program aiming to alleviate personal and interpersonal problems that create dysfunction in the family.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative – Jackson County Health Department

Community initiative to reduce teen pregnancy rates in Jackson County and address contributing factors.

Dance 4 A Healthier Jackson – Jackson School of the Arts

Offers dance classes lead by trained professionals to low income, at-risk children.

Project Access – LifeWays

Provides health care to those that cannot afford medical services and do not have insurance or do not qualify for public healthcare insurance.