



Columbus Area
UNITED WAY

Direct Programs

IMAGINATION LIBRARY



The Imagination Library mails books to children from birth through their 5th birthday. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home.

THE BORN LEARNING TRAIL



The Born Learning Trail captures ten fun outdoor games on engaging signs throughout Pawnee Park East to help parents and caregivers create learning opportunities for young children.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES



Free Little Libraries are a free community book exchange program. Libraries are located at Columbus Area United Way, Head Start, Columbus Housing Authority, Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, and St. Luke's Preschool.

ONLINE SERVICE DIRECTORY



The United Way Online Service Directory is a tool to find detailed information on local health and human service agencies. The directory is located at columbusunitedway.com. Over 350 programs and hotlines are listed.

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION



United Way expands access to high-quality early care and education by supporting training, workshops, and resources that strengthen childcare providers and families.

CFP-COMMUNITY PREVENTION PROGRAM



Community Prevention (CP) is a system of support and services for children, youth, and families to prevent unnecessary entry into the child welfare system and/or other high-end systems of care.

FOOD ACCESS



United Way partners with organizations throughout the service region to increase access to nutritious food. Support includes senior food box programs, fresh produce rescue initiatives, and other food assistance efforts identified as local community needs.

FREE LITTLE PANTRIES



Pantries offer non-perishable food 24/7 with a "take what you need, leave what you can" approach. Locations include Columbus United Way, CNCAP-Head Start in Schuyler, the Fullerton Food Pantry, and the Boone County Food Pantry in Albion.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY



Bridges Out of Poverty is a workshop the United Way provides to the community. This powerful set of concepts gives insight on the differences between our basic economic classes; it provides an understanding of the issues and strategies related to reducing poverty.

MYFREETAXES.COM



MyFreeTaxes.com is an easy, safe, and free way to file your taxes online. Households can file both state and federal returns for free.

STUDENT HEALTH PROGRAM



The Student Health Fund provides dental, medical, and vision care for K-12 students who lack insurance or cannot afford services. School nurses or counselors screen students, and parents are contacted to confirm eligibility.

JAG-JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES



JAG at Columbus Public Schools offers elective classes in middle and high school that teach job skills, provide hands-on experience, and support students for a full year after graduation as they transition to work, military service, or further education.

2-1-1 RESOURCE HOTLINE



2-1-1 is a free, multilingual, confidential service available by dialing 2-1-1. The service helps individuals locate community-based and governmental agencies for services such as counseling and help with utilities and rent.

EMERGENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Through Navigation Services, United Way connects qualified individuals and families with resources and support to address urgent needs such as rent and utility assistance. These services help maintain stable housing and prevent the need for more intensive systems of care.



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