



United Way  
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# COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS

## 2017-2019

<b>NETWORK</b>	<b>Cradle 2 Career</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Jackson County Cradle to Career (C2C) is the network of education and community leaders working together to provide Jackson County residents with greater access to educational resources. The network uses a collective impact framework to build, coordinate, and promote an educational path that prepares all Jackson County residents for productive careers.
<b>ANCHOR</b>	Jackson Community Foundation
<b>NETWORK</b>	
<b>NETWORK</b>	<b>Financial Stability Network</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	The Financial Stability Network is a community-wide, collaborative effort between social service providers, businesses, government, community resources and community members to address social and financial barriers to individual success and prosperity.
<b>ANCHOR</b>	Jackson District Library
<b>INITIATIVE</b>	
<b>INITIATIVE</b>	<b>Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Community-wide effort to reduce the teen pregnancy rate and address contributing factors for Jackson County's young people.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Jackson County Health Department
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Residential Services</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Temporary emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis support, case management and individual advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition to emergency shelter, basic needs for individuals and their families are provided, as well as individualized service plans that address securing long-term housing, income, physical and mental health needs, and many more resources, as well as planning for long-term safety.
<b>PARTNER</b>	AWARE Inc.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Non-Residential Services</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Trauma-informed counseling and core comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Core services: 24-hour helpline, individual and group counseling, coordination among support systems, public awareness, and advocacy with medical, law enforcement, courts and other support systems.
<b>PARTNER</b>	AWARE Inc.

## COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS – 2017-2019 (continued)

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Site-Based Mentoring</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Site-Based Mentoring allows a mentor (Big) to visit their mentee (Little) in the child's school for one hour per week, typically during lunch and recess. In the school environment, Bigs can work with Littles to further develop important skills such as literacy, financial stability and goal-oriented thinking. Site-Based Mentoring is affiliated with 13 schools in Jackson County.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Community-Based Mentoring</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	One-on-one relationships shared between mentor and mentee that focus on personal growth of the young person by participating in community activities and deep, organic conversations that provoke goal setting and life skills.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>FIRST Family Support Program</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Child care tuition scholarship program designed to ensure that high-need children have access to quality education programming by reducing the financial burden of quality child care and empowering families to overcome barriers to a successful academic future.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Child Care Network
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Financial Empowerment Program</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Through education, workshops and coaching, participants develop a better understanding of their own financial situation, allowing them to identify barriers and opportunities. Participants create action plans to build their own resources and make decisions needed to move into self-sufficiency.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Community Action Agency
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Free tax help to people whose household income is \$54,000 or less annually. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing services. VITA partners with Jackson County libraries, senior citizen agencies, low-income housing agencies and churches to increase access to income tax preparation services.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Community Action Agency
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Community Youth Mapping</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Three-pronged approach to youth development and community involvement by convening a Youth Community Action Team, implementing youth-led community mapping activities to raise awareness of strengths and gaps in services, and a Youth Summit to present the Action Team's findings.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Do'Chas

## COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS – 2017-2019 (continued)

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Jackson County Guardian Program</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Provides guardian and conservator services to enrich the lives of incapacitated adults unable to protect their own interests and who are vulnerable to exploitation, neglect or injury.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Family Service & Children's Aid
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Just Understand My Potential (JUMP)</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Supports financial independence by diverting first-time offending youth from the juvenile justice system. The program provides services that promote regular school attendance, improved behavior, improved familial relationships, and development of skills that prevent further prosecution or recidivism, as well as the opportunity for a youth's criminal record to be suppressed.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Family Service & Children's Aid
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Outpatient Counseling Voucher Program</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Collaborative project that assists the partner agencies in providing free to reduced-cost mental health and substance abuse counseling to Jackson County residents at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Family Service & Children's Aid Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Emergency Child Care</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services to remove barriers to employment and family stability to help help families achieve self-sufficiency. The program reserves six year-round placements for emergency child care situations, such as foster care placement, immediate medical crises, and families without a support system and in jeopardy of losing their income.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Felician Children's Center
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Fresh Food Initiative</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Provides fresh, nutritious food to Jackson County residents in need. The goal is to distribute 365,000 pounds of farm-fresh, quality produce.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Food Bank of South Central Michigan
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Non-Traditional Day Care</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Cross-sector collaborative pilot project to establish qualified, licensed day care services to lower-income families during non-traditional hours. Partners can evaluate participation, additional community needs and possibilities of duplication across multiple sites while providing a critical resource for parents with fluctuating or non-traditional work hours.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Jackson County Intermediate School District

## COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS – 2017-2019 (continued)

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Assisted Living For Women</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Quality assisted living for women of very low income and supports, along with housing and basic health needs and assistance with accessing other community supports.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Jackson Friendly Home
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Housing Support Services</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Supportive housing services for tenants living in three public housing communities supported by Jackson Housing Commission. A case manager provides assessment, action plans, crisis intervention, advocacy and transportation to individuals and families who need support to build self-sufficiency skills.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Jackson Housing Commission
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Assisted Living for Gentlemen</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Improves and stabilizes the financial and physical well-being of elderly gentlemen through access to appropriate housing, basic needs, financial management and medical support.
<b>PARTNER</b>	John George Home
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Legal Services to Low-Income Individuals &amp; Families</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Free, civil legal assistance to low-income clients, with emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, and access to health care, food and needs-based income programs.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Legal Services of South Central Michigan
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Mediation/Eviction Diversion</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	A collaborative effort of nonprofit agencies and the District Court to prevent homelessness while maximizing limited resources. Tenants receive onsite legal advice and representation, mediation to efficiently resolve cases, and the opportunity for financial counseling.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Legal Services of South Central Michigan Southeastern Dispute Resolution Service
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>After School Program</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Provides an affordable option for families so children can receive homework help, a meal and connection to a mentor while parents work into the evening hours. The program focuses on academic achievement and regularly assesses students in literacy and mathematics.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Lily Missions Center

## COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS – 2017-2019 (continued)

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Capacity Building for Nonprofits</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Offers technical assistance, volunteer resources and consulting and training to United Way partner agencies, aiming to build stronger governing boards and financially stable organizations.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Nonprofit Network
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Bridges Out of Poverty</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Brings together people from all sectors and economic classes to explore and discover all facets of poverty. Workshops bring awareness to the barriers that exist for under-resourced families and provide tools to build more stable communities.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Nonprofit Network
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Bridges to School Success</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Provides at-risk families with a comprehensive needs assessment, family intervention plan, attendance contract, parenting education, case management, advocacy and attendance monitoring. The program aids families at risk for abuse, neglect and academic failure by addressing gaps in mental and physical health, reducing barriers to attendance, meeting basic needs and decreasing stressors.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Student Advocacy Center
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Education Advocacy &amp; Support</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Provides family-driven, collaborative education advocacy and support to elementary-age students to interrupt the preschool-to-prison pipeline. The program focuses on students who have been expelled, suspended or informally removed and assists with getting them back into school with a support plan.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Student Advocacy Center
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Basic Needs Program</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Assists with food, utility bills, Christmas asks and emergency needs such as housing, providing a safety net for families experiencing a crisis.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Salvation Army
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Central Michigan 2-1-1</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Free telephone and internet referral service for non-emergency information for individuals seeking health and human service assistance.
<b>PARTNER</b>	United Way of Jackson County
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Energizing Education</b>
<b>IMPACT</b>	Early childhood literacy support and mentoring aimed at having all Jackson County students reading at or above grade level by third grade.
<b>PARTNER</b>	United Way of Jackson County