

Provide [hope] where it's needed most.



In addition to investing in 99 programs at 63 impact partner agencies and grantees, United Way Miami addresses local issues by supporting an additional 14 initiatives and direct services to help families and individuals throughout Miami-Dade. From providing high-quality early education to our youngest residents, to helping families file their taxes and create a budget, to supporting our veterans as they transition to civilian life and to ensuring our most vulnerable citizens enjoy their golden years in dignity – together we build a stronger Miami.

Education

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families awarded the United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education two 5-year grants to provide infants and toddlers access to high-quality early education programs so they could transition to kindergarten ready to learn. In 2015, the grants helped launch the program to improve and expand access in high-need, low-income neighborhoods across Miami-Dade, and in 2017, further expanding the program to meet the needs of additional communities. Currently, 504 children are receiving these services in 19 early care sites in Miami-Dade.

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United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education (CFE)

Established in 2007, the Center serves as an innovative educational and professional learning hub dedicated to elevating the quality of early care and education in Miami-Dade and beyond. The Center applies proven practices through its Demonstration School, Educare of Miami-Dade, and shares those best practices with families, educators and early care and education providers so they, in turn, deliver high-quality early care and education. The Center also works with business leaders and lawmakers to raise the standards of early

childhood education and support sustainable and lasting change. The Center serves 116 children, ages 0 - 5 years old, including 62 from low-income families, in a mixed-income model environment which allows a diverse student population with a 50/50 model of full pay and subsidized tuition model. This diversity enriches the collective experience and reflects the dynamics of our community.

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United Way EDEN Place (Educate. Develop. Empower. Nurture.)

United Way EDEN Place is an educational family resource center that provides parents and/or caregivers services through workshops and one-on-one coaching, at no cost. The center works with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to help parents better understand their children’s schooling and development and empowers them to advocate for their children’s future success. There are two locations: EDEN Place in partnership with Overtown Youth Center opened its doors in 2016 and EDEN Place in partnership with Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center opened in 2019, serving the area of North Miami.

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Connecting Assessment with Intentional Teaching (CAIT)

As part of a 3-year grant from The Children’s Trust, the United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education manages, coordinates and delivers assessment training and support for early childcare educators, administrators and providers. Through CAIT, educators learn how to use assessment results from each individual student to understand that child’s skill level and progress in order to tailor their teaching so that it responds to each child’s strengths and needs. CAIT works with programs located in low-income neighborhoods and serves 30 percent or more children who receive school readiness subsidies.

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Graduate Miami Dade

Driven by the goal of providing more post-secondary preparedness support to youth and families, Graduate Miami Dade is the Local College Access Network (LCAN) of Miami-Dade County. United Way acts as the backbone organization and lead convenor of a group of education stakeholders that are invested in developing strategies to bridge the inequity gaps seen in education. The collective team’s focus is on the state’s SAIL to 60 Initiative, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion, advocacy in post-secondary attainment and completion and providing resources and information to the diverse public for successful post-secondary attainment.

Financial Stability

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funding to target special, economic, non-disaster-related emergency needs. The funding supplements ongoing food, shelter, rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts in the community. United Way administers the program by convening a local board that both determines the services most in need of supplemental assistance and who to fund to provide these services.

efsp.unitedway.org



United Way Center for Financial Stability (CFS)

Established in 2009, the United Way Center for Financial Stability helps working individuals and families pave a path to financial independence by providing a full range of services and support – from financial coaching and credit management to free tax preparation, employment assistance and more. The three strategically located centers – at the United Way Batchelor Campus, North Miami and Homestead, operated by United Way and Branches, respectively – work with numerous partners to provide access to financial stability services. Bank of America is the founding partner.

miamifinancialstability.org

United Way MISSION UNITED

Established in 2016, MISSION UNITED helps Miami-Dade veterans reacclimate to civilian life so they can continue to be productive, contributing members of our community. The program connects them with services and resources including job training and employment opportunities, affordable housing support and legal assistance, through a coordinated and integrated veteran support services network.

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UpSkill Miami

United Way Miami is driven by the vision to empower and enhance the Miami-Dade County workforce through UpSkill Miami, a fund that invests in workforce development initiatives. The fund facilitates strategic collaborations among underserved target populations, training providers and employers within Miami-Dade County, resulting in a more profound community impact. Together, we are creating a path toward a more prosperous tomorrow.

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

VITA is an IRS-funded program that provides free tax return preparation services to low- to moderate-income working individuals and families. Qualifying taxpayers can receive these services through Miami Tax Pros, a network of agencies spearheaded by Branches. United Way leads all marketing efforts for both Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and VITA in Miami-Dade.

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SingleCare Prescription Drug Discount Card

The United Way Miami / SingleCare partnership helps underinsured, uninsured and insured individuals and families receive, on average, a discount of more than 40 percent on prescription costs by using the SingleCare Prescription Drug Discount Card. Launched in 2007, the card is accepted at more than 700 local pharmacies. SingleCare is an organization focused on improving the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities through community service partnerships.

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HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living)

In an effort to promote healthy lifestyles starting at an early age, United Way Miami collaborates with community partners to achieve a school-based culture of health and wellness by engaging children, parents, teachers and administrators. Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School is a HEAL school demonstration site led by FIU After-School All-Stars and nonprofit partners. They are working together to spark kids' interest in healthy foods, re-engage them in fitness activities and improve their physical health and mental well-being. In 2022, United Way Miami partnered with the Health Information Project (HIP) for the 2022-2023 school year to bring the initiative to all Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) high schools. HIP's innovative module successfully prepares 11th and 12th graders to become Peer Health Educators (PHE) and conducts 8 module sessions in 9th grade classes to promote social, emotional and physical wellness. As a result, students report increased health awareness, skills and behaviors.

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Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative

The Age-Friendly Initiative (AFI) is a collective effort to make Miami-Dade County a place where people of all ages and abilities – including older adults, age 60 and older – can live healthful and engaged lives. United Way Miami co-leads with seven other partners to provide overarching leadership and define an age-friendly vision for the community with improvements in housing, transportation, parks, health and community services and more. The initiative also provides technical assistance to local cities developing their age-friendly efforts. Launched in 2012, the initiative includes Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, Health Foundation of South Florida, Alliance for Aging, AARP, Urban Health Partnerships and the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade.

agefriendlymiami.org

Older Adult Advocacy Taskforce

United Way Miami facilitates the Older Adult Advocacy Taskforce comprised of more than 20 experts, practitioners and thought leaders in Miami-Dade's aging sector working together to explore policy solutions for aging and older adults' issues. The collaborative leadership group was created in 2016 in response to concerns about population shifts and the growing unmet needs among older adults, a population which has now outnumbered children aged 0-17.

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