

Education



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Did You Know?

The United Way of Wyoming Valley funds 14 programs at 10 agencies that helps children, youth and seniors achieve their potential.

These programs are split amongst two separate impact areas: Early Learning and Personal Development.



Every \$1 spent on high quality early education saves \$7 in reduced future expenditures for special education, delinquency, crime control, welfare and lost taxes.

(Office of Child Development and Early Learning)



Between 2006 and 2008, 62% of Luzerne County residents were overweight or obese. (PA Department of Health)



Children should get an hour of exercise over the course of each day. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)



65.4% of children under 5 in Luzerne County live in economically at-risk households, earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level. (Office of Child Development and Early Learning)

Early Learning

Priority areas include:

- Child Care
- Early Education

More than 250 families in Luzerne County received a total of over 5,000 weeks worth of quality early learning opportunities.

Personal Development

Priority areas include:

- Nutrition & Exercise
- Enrichment Activities for Youth & Seniors

More than 3,000 low-income youth, adults and seniors were provided with programs designed to decrease obesity and increase cardiovascular and muscle strength through gym memberships, mentorship, socialization and personal development.

Income



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Did You Know?

The United Way of Wyoming Valley funds 15 programs at 10 agencies that promote financial stability and independence.

These programs are split amongst two separate impact areas: Housing & Financial Stability and Community Safety Net.

Housing & Financial Stability

Priority areas include:

1. Housing & Homelessness
2. Poverty Intervention & Financial Assistance
3. Employment & Career Development

Over 200 consumers received counseling, education, and/or legal advice to promote financial stability and encourage self-sufficiency.

Community Safety Net

Priority areas include:

1. Abuse & Assault
2. Community Support & Improvement
3. Emergency Services

Over 650 victims of violence were supported through services, including emergency shelter, counseling, and court accompaniment; and educated on the prevention of sexual assault situations.

Financial support was also provided to almost 5,800 low-income households to meet basic human needs, including food, clothing, shelter and fuel assistance.

The first response point for crisis calls in Luzerne & Wyoming Counties reported receiving 69,054 calls in Fiscal Year 2009-2010. (Help Line Annual Report)

In 2009, the average annual pay in Luzerne County was \$35,463, compared to PA's average annual pay of \$44,829. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

23.7% of households are low-income (less than \$20,000) (The Center for Rural PA)

Two inches of flood water can cost a person \$7,800. (National Flood Insurance Program)



Health



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Did You Know?

The United Way of Wyoming Valley funds 17 programs at 14 agencies that improve people's health.

These programs are split amongst two separate impact areas: Independence for Vulnerable Populations and Wellness & Addiction.



Independence for Vulnerable Populations

Priority areas include:

- Cognitive & Developmental Disabilities
- Physical Disabilities
- Chronic Health Conditions

Approximately 100 people with chronic health issues and physical disabilities were provided with transportation, guardianship services, socialization opportunities and prescriptions.

Wellness & Addiction

Priority areas include:

- Mental Health Needs
- Addiction
- Physical Health Needs

Almost 2,000 people with mental health issues or chronic and severe mental illness received assessment, education, advocacy, socialization opportunities and counseling sessions.

An additional 3,000 people were assisted with addiction counseling, outpatient services and prevention programs.

Of the 62,025 residents under the age of 18 in Luzerne County, 3,468 have a disability. (American Community Survey, 2008)

There was a 31% increase over a span of 6 years in the number of individuals seeking treatment at the community Mental Health centers in Luzerne & Wyoming Counties. (Luzerne/Wyoming County MH/MR)

Retail prescription prices have increase on average 3.6% annually between 2000 and 2009, much faster than the average inflation rate of 2.5%. (KaiserEdu.org)

Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States. (Brookhaen National Laboratory)