



UNITED WE HELP STUDENTS BE ALL THEY CAN BE



United Way of
Buffalo & Erie County

FOCUS ON EDUCATION

UNITED WAY FIGHTS FOR THE EDUCATION OF EVERY STUDENT IN BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY.

Every day, families in Buffalo & Erie County struggle with education problems that may seem impossible to solve. Children who can barely read by third grade, and who are far more likely to quit school later. Youth who don't go on to college or vocational training. These realities widen income gaps and threaten the growth of communities. That's why United Way of Buffalo & Erie County is fighting to increase high quality education. We work to help initiatives that engage parents as their child's first teacher, provide early intervention for kids who need it, and support programs that increase language, literacy and math skills.

YOU HELP CHILDREN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

Thanks to your support:

- Last year, more than **32,394** young children and students were equipped to succeed in school.
- **7,979** achieved developmentally appropriate social-emotional and behavioral skills.
- **6,960** were enrolled in high-quality childcare, after-school or out-of-school programs.



IT'S A FACT

Researchers estimate that children without basic reading skills, who are not reading on grade level by third grade, are four times less likely to graduate from high school.



WHAT DOES THE UNITED WAY OF BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY DO

IN EDUCATION?

WE DO OUR RESEARCH.



We invest in the areas of most need in our community.

We conduct research and report our findings through our community report card series. Current topics include school readiness, and third-grade proficiency rates.

WE TACKLE THE ISSUES HEAD ON.

Based on our research, we surround our community's most critical problems and fight for the building blocks of a strong education:

BIRTH TO 8 COALITION

› **60+ agencies** collaborate with United Way to help children grow intellectually, physically, socially & emotionally.



School Readiness

Helping prepare young children to enter the classroom.



Parental Support

Empowering parents support their children.



WNY Girls in Sports

Creates access and pathways for girls to participate in sports programs at the local, high school, and collegiate level.



Full Service Community Schools

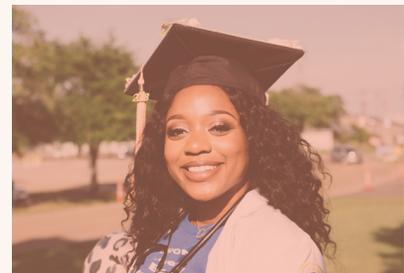
Increasing community engagement and pro-social skills, coping methods, and knowledge.

WE FUND PROGRAMS THAT CREATE CHANGE.

We find every dollar we can to address these problems.

The United Way has invested **\$1.9 million** into education initiatives in Buffalo and Erie County.

- **5,941** students received services promoting academic performance and enrichment.
- **4,490** children demonstrated a grade appropriate understanding of math and reading.
- **4,344** community members benefitted from Full Service Community Schools being a part of their community.



Learn more about United Way of Buffalo & Erie County's impact on local education at uwbec.org/education.

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WE MUST LIVE UNITED.**

