



CHILDHOOD SUCCESS

Whitewater Valley Snapshot



DESCRIPTION:

Our investment in local agencies ensures children have the best chance early in life to enter school ready and be successful in primary school.



\$73,542 INVESTED

SUCCESS STORY

"My son received a scholarship for his daycare [At Oak Park Early Learning Center] for about a year. You hear the old adage 'every little bit helps,' and that's exactly how I feel. His scholarship was for \$30, and that extra money meant that I could buy more groceries, or pay my water or sewer bill! It has allowed us to keep my son in childcare so he gets the socialization and education that I feel is necessary for all kids his age! I have seen my son grow and learn so many things while he's been at Oak Park, and we are so lucky to have the financial help to allow him to blossom into a tiny person! We can't thank the United Way of Whitewater Valley enough for helping our family!"



29% of Forward Wayne County survey respondents with children under 5 have not been able to find "safe, affordable, quality childcare."¹



Only 21% of children in Wayne County (31% in Union) in need of care are enrolled in "high quality childcare."²



Wayne County is ranked 3rd highest (of 92 counties) in number of children living in single-parent homes. Union County is ranked 60th.³



422

Children were able to access quality early childhood programs

113

Children received books and reading supports



365

Family members or caregivers were empowered with knowledge and resources to support their child's learning

Data are representative of individuals/families served by the United Way of Whitewater Valley

1. *Forward Wayne County Survey*: https://forwardwaynecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FWC-Survey-Summary_18Mar20_V2_Final.pdf
2. *ELAC 2020*: <http://www.elacindiana.org/data/elac-annual-report-interactive-dashboard/>
3. *Indiana Youth Initiative*: (2020 Databook) https://iyi-website.s3.amazonaws.com/data-book/2020+Data+Book+/2020_IYI_Databook_Web.pdf