



YOUTH SUCCESS

2020 Whitewater Valley Snapshot



DESCRIPTION:

We invest in programs aimed at helping youth gain the knowledge, skills and credentials to build a bright and successful future.



\$99,764 INVESTED



Wayne County's high school graduation rate is ranked 24th highest (of 92 counties) in the state. Union County's is ranked 74th. ¹



Wayne County is ranked 10th highest (of 92 counties) in the state for the number of children (ages 0-17) living in poverty. ¹

County academic rankings (out of 92 counties) for the following educational assessments of 3rd-8th graders:

IREAD-3 Wayne: 66th
Union: 61st

English/Language Arts ISTEP Wayne: 79th
Union: 34th

Math ISTEP Wayne: 91st
Union: 36th

191

Youth development staff received training in order to provide quality programs



71

Volunteers provided services to support youth success

6,618

Youth participated in out-of-school programs which help improve student work-study habits and engagement in school



SUCCESS STORY

"Through academic support, I have helped a 5th-grade student raise his Q1 Language Arts grade from a 59% to 100% (currently). He has put in 100% of the work, he just needed a quiet space to bounce ideas off someone and the reassurance he was on the right track. Even 15 mins every few days has given him a new drive for his academic work." (Northeastern Elementary Site Coordinator) "At the beginning of this school year, I began working with a student who had returned to our school. Being a student I had worked within a previous year before she withdrew, I was familiar with her and knew she would be in need of support. As I began working with her I started finding out more about her home life. She and her little sister had been staying with mom, but unfortunately had to be removed from mom's custody for a period of time and we're now staying with another family member. When she told me that this sudden change in homes had left her and her little sister without beds, I quickly went into action to help this family. The family member who had taken them in was doing the best she could to care for the girls, but money was tight, so I offered to find beds for the girls. In the meantime, I provided each girl with a Bed In a Bag, which is a CIS service that provides students with an air mattress and pump, a sleeping bag, a pillow, and various toiletries. With the help of CIS staff and school staff, we were able to locate a twin-size bed and toddler bed for each of the girls. We were able to deliver the beds within two weeks of finding out about the need. It felt wonderful to be able to act so quickly and see how everyone joined together in finding beds for these two girls. The family was extremely grateful, and the girls were so happy to finally have their own beds and get a good night's rest." (Centerville-Abington Elementary Site Coordinator)"

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

1. **Indiana Youth Initiative: (2020 Databook)** https://iyi-website.s3.amazonaws.com/data-book/2020+Data+Book+/2020_IYI_Databook_Web.pdf (Wayne) <https://iyi-website.s3.amazonaws.com/data-book/2021+Snapshots+/Snapshots/Wayne.pdf> (Union) <https://iyi-website.s3.amazonaws.com/data-book/2021+Snapshots+/Snapshots/Union.pdf>
2. **Reid Health Implementation Plan:** http://www.reidcommunities.org/content/sites/reid/Implementation_Plan_FINAL.pdf