



Helping Families Achieve Financial Stability

Children will only achieve their full learning potential when they are part of safe, connected communities and when their households can provide adequate nutrition, housing, transportation, and quality time with caring adults.

Poverty, particularly intergenerational poverty—when two or more successive generations of a family continue in the cycle of poverty—makes it far more difficult for families to achieve stability required for children’s academic success. **This is why United Way of Salt Lake works with partners who are dedicated to addressing barriers to reducing intergenerational poverty and improving financial stability for all families in our region.**



59,000 Children } in Utah are impacted by intergenerational poverty.¹

15% of Children Experience

food insecurity in Utah, impacting their ability to learn.²

Minority children along the Wasatch Front are **3 TIMES MORE LIKELY** to be poor than their white, non-Latinx peers.²



¹ SOURCE: 2018 IGP Report

² SOURCE: 2018 Results Matter Report, uw.org/research-and-reports

We can do better!

Children's stability is tied to their parent's stability, so a focus on addressing barriers to income and wealth through workforce development, affordable housing, adult educational attainment, income supports, financial coaching, and asset-building practices and policies is critical. With your help, we can ensure more families become financially stable and build a better life for themselves.

FINANCIAL STABILITY AFFECTS LEARNING



Financially stable families have the resources needed to ensure children's learning isn't disrupted by things like hunger or frequent moves.³

Despite rising housing costs across the Wasatch Front,

In **5** of our **6 PARTNER DISTRICTS** student mobility for low-income students has *decreased* the last **4 YEARS**²

² SOURCE: 2018 Results Matter Report, uw.org/research-and-reports

³ SOURCE: Herbers JE, Cutuli JJ, Supkoff LM, Heistad D, Chann C-K, Hinz E, Masten AS. Early reading skills and academic achievement trajectories of students facing poverty, homelessness, and high residential mobility. Educational Researcher. 2012;41:366-374.

Addressing Financial Stability in Our Community



One of the focus areas addressed by United Way of Salt Lake's Financial Stability Initiative Team is addressing mobility rates in schools. When kids miss more than two consecutive days of school, learning loss is likely to occur. That is why we are looking to reduce the number of families that have to move during the school year due to nonpayment of rent.

The group is tackling reduction in student mobility by increasing the visibility of Utah 211 as a way to connect families in need of rent and other assistance to the right resources. The aim is to get struggling families the help they need before they get an eviction notice. Participating social service providers find that when families receive rent assistance for just one month, they are more likely to be stable for several months after.

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