

Success By 6™ Impact Council



United Way
of the Wabash Valley

The Success By 6™ Impact Council is a multi-sector volunteer committee of nonprofit, government, education, and business leaders who are preferably issue experts in and/or are passionate about early childhood education and its positive social and economic impact for our community. The council is a subcommittee of the full United Way of the Wabash Valley Community Impact Committee (CIC).

All UWWV Impact Councils will work towards the overall **BOLD GOAL**

**Move 10,000 families out of financial
struggles and into stability!**

Objective

Works and invests to bring successful results to the agreed-upon specific outcome targets in support of the overall UWWV community goal.

Structure

The council membership shall be 15-20 persons (including a chair and co-chair seated on the CIC), working through two distinct teams. A development team shall include individuals either working in or with early childhood education, but should also include passionate and engaged community members from business, government, nonprofits, or related coalitions. The resource team shall oversee the financial investments requested by the development team. Representation should include multiple counties within the United Way service area, and all council members must be financial supporters of UWWV.



Investment Guidelines

Based on their knowledge, members of the impact councils recommend and monitor the investment of resources in efforts that align with the objectives. The Impact Council will be granted funding from the CIC for investment in community initiatives, programs and/or impact products. One (1) standard and two (2) optional investment strategies are available to all impact councils:



Collective Impact Grant Funding – Standardized multi-year open grant process conducted via evaluation teams and based upon “Requests for Proposals” (RFPs) as developed by the impact council.



Alternative Investment Opportunities - Impact growth opportunities such as matching funds for a potential larger federal or specialty grant opportunity.







Develop Collaborative Impact Products - may brainstorm and propose “impact products” (a community program or initiative) and seek collaborative partners to further develop and operate or execute the product with provided funding.

Framework Strategies from "Stronger United Plan"



Poverty consistently correlates with a lack of education. The census data also makes it clear that children under 5 years of age are particularly vulnerable, as are their parents or caregivers. Access to, affordability of, and operational hours of high-quality early care and education programs are problematic for working, struggling families. We believe that by providing supports to young children and youth, and to families and early childhood care and education programs, we can help break the cycle of poverty.

Objective: Early Childhood Education Support and Programs

Strategies:

-  Increase high quality childcare programs and access to them
-  Support coordination between ECE and school settings
-  Parent and volunteer engagement in literacy acquisition
-  Engage in public policy and advocacy related to ECE, poverty and community economic prosperity

Proposed Measurements:

-  Kindergarten readiness
-  Kindergarten retention

