

UNITED WAY 2025-2027 UNITED WAY PROGRAM PARTNERS

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	FUNDED COUNTIES	OUTCOME Areas	
2-1-1 HELPLINE, LYFT	A 2-1-1 Big Bend program that addresses all five strategic priority impact areas of the UWBB, connecting low income and ALICE individuals with local area agencies providing human services support and resources. 211 also operates a transportation assistance program facilitating rides for people to food pantries, medical appointments and job interviews.	Leon	(
ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE	A program of The Center for Independent Living DBA Ability 1st , the Access to Independence program helps people under the ALICE threshold with mobility/self-care needs obtain the necessary services, medical equipment, and supplies that allow them to remain safely in their homes.	Gadsden, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(
ALICE HOUSING ASSISTANCE	A program of Emergency Care Help Organization, Inc. (ECHO) – A program that helps prevent ALICE households from becoming homeless and moves those experiencing homelessness into permanent housing, through the payment of rent and utilities or move-in costs.	Leon	(A)	
BETTER ANGELS PROGRAM	A program of Good News Outreach, Inc. focusing on providing accessible workshops and training to teach seniors in the Frenchtown area how to use digital devices and Al-powered tools offering memory care support through technology-based activities designed to stimulate cognitive function and mental wellness.	Leon		
BGC (STEM) SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY Engineering Mathematics PRE K -5th Grade	A program of the Boys and Girls Club of North Central Florida Inc. offering a full range of academic learning with a particular emphasis on STEM activities.	Taylor	(4)	
BREHON HOUSE	A program of Brehon Institute for Family Services, Inc . providing housing, shelter, education and support programs for adult homeless, pregnant women and their infants that supports the birth and care of healthy babies. The residential facility serves the Big Bend Region. All services are provided at no cost to the client. The average stay by residents is six to nine months.	Leon		
CAREER READINESS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING	A program of AMI Kids Gadsden that helps local students ages 11-17 determine and develop career pathways through vocational education and training, job placement, and support services. Their aim is to give students who are demonstrating at-risk behaviors in school and/or the community an opportunity to learn useful vocational career technical skills as well as earn industry recognized certificates, which prepares them to make better choices and contribute to the community.	Gadsden	(X)	
CARRABELLE FOOD PANTRY	Carrabelle's Food Pantry program is an all-volunteer, locally operated program distributing daily and weekly food and food packages to community residents to meet the needs of food-insecure neighbors and families.	Franklin	(
COMMUNITY CARE FOR The Elderly	A program of Jefferson Senior Citizens Center Inc. that helps meet the needs of seniors/elders by providing support to the most vulnerable citizens of Jefferson County and providing a safe place for seniors to go for help.	Jefferson	(
DIGITAL ACCESS & LITERACY For Mental Health	A program of Black Men's Health (BMH) addressing significant health disparities in communities facing mental health issues and limited access to care by providing increased awareness, improved access, enhanced utilization and positive outcomes through group and one-on-one sessions on digital literacy, mental health literacy, navigating mental health services in the community and mental health check-ins.	Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Taylor		
DISASTER SERVICES	A program of the American National Red Cross providing persons affected by a disaster free and immediate help with basic needs including emergency services in the area of health and mental health.	Gadsden, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	A Refuge House program offering life-saving support targeted and tailored for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault including safety services for adults and children after attacks. Support services include emergency shelter, basic needs including food, clothing, personal care supplies, school supplies for children, emotional support, and transportation assistance.	Gadsden, Leon, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(
EARLY HEAD START	A Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend program providing early childhood education, health, mental health, family, and nutrition services to strengthen learning experiences and ensure school readiness and promote families building relationships that support the well-being of the family and development of the child.	Jefferson, Leon, Madison	(A)	
EMERGENCY SHELTER AND Diversion services	A Connecting Everyone with Second Chances (CESC Inc.), Kearney Center program providing a safety net for vulnerable individuals each day. Funding supports both sheltering needs and diversion services to prevent more of our neighbors from entering homelessness by identifying immediate, alternate housing arrangements and/or connecting them with services/financial aid (hotel vouchers, rental/transportation/utility assistance).	Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla	(
FOOD BANK OPERATIONS	An America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend program to meet the short-term nutritional needs of the hungry and food-insecure residents in Leon County and neighboring counties. Food assistance can also free up funds for families to pay for other expenses such as medicines, school expenses, rent, and utilities.	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	(
GADSDEN HOUSING	A Big Bend Habitat for Humanity, Inc. , volunteer-based construction program providing simple, decent housing for individuals and families currently living in substandard housing, enabling them to create generational wealth opportunities for their families. Prospective homeowners complete 400 sweat equity hours and participate in homeownership classes and workshops.	Gadsden	(*)	
GETTING AHEAD	A program of Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc. which creates opportunities that foster long-term personal and economic development through initiatives and programs promoting educational attainment, skills development, and mentorship focusing on what low-income people need to do to change by exploring interactions between classes of poor, middle, and wealth.	Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla	×	
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GREAT FUTURES START HERE	A Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend program providing positive afterschool and summer sessions focused on character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, arts and sports, and fitness and recreation. The goal is to ensure all the kids graduate from high school with a plan for the future.	Gadsden, Leon	(3)	
HOPE COMMUNITY FAMILY EMERGENCY SHELTER	A program of Family Promise providing emergency shelter, housing placement assistance, case management, life skills in a trauma-informed setting that encourages recovery and responsibility, autonomy, and independence. HOPE is a transitional shelter to assist people with exiting homelessness and obtaining permanent housing.	Leon	(A)	
IN-HOME COMPANION Program	A program of Elder Care Services providing care for seniors who need help to remain safely at home; specifically for seniors who are frail, functionally-impaired and homebound or suffering from chronic diseases or dementia. Services are based on individualized care plans and may include companionship services, homemaking, personal care services, respite care services and transportation.	Leon, Wakulla	(
LOW VISION SKILLS TRAINING For adults	A Lighthouse of the Big Bend program for adults with low vision in the process of losing their sight and not yet diagnosed as legally blind providing group sessions in which skills are taught for continued employment and stability using adaptive technology and vision aids fostering productivity and self-reliance to thrive in the workplace, home, and community.	Wakulla	×	
NUTRITION PROGRAM	A program of Elder Care Services which provides meals to seniors suffering from food insecurity. Meals on Wheels provides nutrition to frail and home-bound seniors in Leon County by delivering five meals each week directly to the senior at home. Volunteers deliver the meals, offering a safety and wellbeing check in opportunity.	Leon	(1)	
OMEGA LAMPLIGHTERS Program	A program of Omega Lamplighters that helps boys and young men gain skills in leadership, college and career readiness, civic responsibilities and community service, and positive interactions. There is a focus on engaging youth in activities and supportive services aimed at reducing crime and violence in the community.	Leon	×	
PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP Wakulla County	A program of the North Florida Office of Public Guardian, Inc., providing guardianship services to vulnerable individuals who are unable to make decisions for themselves and have no suitable family or friends to assist them, ensuring their well-being, safety, and financial stability by advocating for their best interests and connecting them to essential services including medical care, housing, and financial management.	Wakulla		
REACH PROGRAM	A program of Pace Center for Girls, Inc. , providing a prevention and intervention program tailored to meet the unique therapeutic needs of girls outside of the Pace Center by providing social-emotional, behavioral, therapeutic, and mental health counseling to at-risk girls and their families at their schools and/or their homes.	Leon		
REFIRE CULINARY SKILLS Training	A program of REfire Culinary, Inc. , providing on-the-job culinary training and community re-entry support for people experiencing poverty who also face a barrier to housing, employment, and self-sufficiency because of a prior felony conviction. Participants of the 8-week program receive basic kitchen and cooking skills, training, on the job training wages, job experience, job placement assistance, and a year of follow-up re-entry support to bridge the final gap from incarceration to economic self-sufficiency.	Leon	(X)	
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM	A Refuge House Inc. program that offers life-saving support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It includes emergency shelter for families, early learning for child victims of abuse, housing safety, and skills development for adult survivors.	Gadsden, Leon, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla		
STEM ELEMENTARY Program	A program of ReThink Energy providing science, technology, engineering, and math enrichment activities in elementary schools' afterschool programs. The goal of the program is to support academic enrichment in these subjects and to encourage children to explore future careers in these STEM fields.	Leon	(3)	
TAYLOR COUNTY WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM	A Taylor County IFAS 4-H Foundation Inc. , program providing meals and snacks to children in need for weekends and holidays when school is not in session and food is not available or limited. Backpacks are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious & shelf-stable food with special emphasis on sending home with kindergarten students in bags discreetly placed inside students' individual backpacks every Friday afternoon.	Taylor	(3)	
WAKULLA SENIOR CENTER Program	A program of the Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, Inc., that helps meet the needs of seniors/elders by providing support to the most vulnerable citizens of Wakulla County and providing a safe place for seniors to go for help.	Wakulla		
WE CARE NETWORK	A program of Capital Medical Society Foundation, Inc . working to decrease healthcare disparity and improve health outcomes by facilitating access to specialty healthcare for vulnerable, low-income, uninsured adult patients by coordinating donated specialty medical and dental care.	Gadsden, Jefferson Leon		
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT Support Program	A program of The Oasis Center for Women and Girls focusing primarily on single mothers. The program provides counseling and workshops to help participants build positive parenting skills and reach personal and professional goals. It specifically targets support for mothers whose sons are involved in the programs offered through the Council on the Status of Men and Boys.	Leon		









