

United Way of Central Illinois

2018-2020 Health Investments

Activating and Inspiring our community to get healthy and stay healthy



Total Health Investments: \$271,852

Family Service Center of Sangamon County Behavioral Health Prevention

This pilot program flips and expands the current State supported Specialized Foster Care program. In the current program, children must exhibit maladaptive behaviors and often have multiple placements before qualifying for special services. This program is being supported to learn if providing stronger interventions up front can help FSC make a larger impact on this community by helping children with trauma cope with their stressors before the stressors start manifesting as behavioral/emotional "problems".

Lutheran Child and Family Services Counseling

LCFS' Counseling Program provides a comprehensive and evidenced-based treatment approach to support individuals with an extensive array of needs. United Way's support of this program helps offset the costs of counseling to increase access for underserved populations. Together we are expanding the number of individuals who will be able to access treatment and get on a path of stability.

Memorial Behavioral Health Springfield Children's Center

The Springfield Children's Center is the largest provider of mental health services for low-income children/adolescents in central Illinois. Children served typically have or are at risk of developing serious and persistent mental health and emotional disorders. Left untreated this can result in severe disturbances in behavior, emotions, and thought, with a negative impact on overall health and well-being. This program provides evidence-based strategies and individualized therapeutic treatment including assessment, psychiatric medical services, therapy, community and family support, and care coordination.

Senior Services of Central Illinois, Inc. Senior Connection and Transport Program

The Senior Connection and Transport Program not only provides needed transportation services to senior citizens ages 60 and over within Sangamon County, but it also helps build knowledge and community connections to help seniors' execute their own personal health action plan. By training drivers regularly on important senior health topics and by capitalizing on the relationships cultivated by drivers and passengers, Senior Transport is advancing senior health by referring them to needed resources and following-up with them to make sure they were able to execute on the referrals.

SIU Center for Family Medicine Community Mental Health Team

The Community Mental Health Team is a collaborative effort between SIU Center for Family Medicine, Helping Hands of Springfield, Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department, and Recovery courts in order to assist community individuals who struggle with mental illness and/or addiction which causes them to "fall through the cracks" of existing services. Through 'hotspotting' these organization will identify the small number of individuals who face declining health as they consume a large-percentage of health care system resources. By supporting them, not only will these individuals reduce the amount of health care resources they consume, but also regain hope as they begin to regain control over their life and illnesses.

East Springfield Health Connection Program

The East Springfield Health Connection Program is a collaborative effort of 9 organizations to address the health of individuals living in Brandon Court and Poplar Place, two housing units serving the most at-risk within the Springfield community. This pilot program will braid together a myriad of services including community health workers who are experienced in the community culture and are able to build trust with the community. Community health workers help to integrate other social supports into individualized action plans for each client in order to improve their overall health through improving their social determinants of health.