

# EDUCATION

## Youth Success



United Way of South  
Wood & Adams Counties

**GOAL: YOUTH HAVE ACCESS TO MENTORS, ROLE MODELS AND ENRICHMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHICH ENHANCES PERSONAL GROWTH, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.**

**35% of Wood County and 44% of Adams County households are struggling** – despite most of these households earning income above the Federal Poverty Level. Working, yet unable to afford all essentials or save for emergencies, we term these households **ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.**



For many ALICE families, low wages and non-traditional work schedules mean before and after school care is necessary, yet unaffordable.

United Way's investment in partner programs helps ALICE families bridge the gap – meaning families with financial need can access safe, trustworthy wrap around care.

**815**

Children received before and after school, or summer enrichment through partner programs in 2023.

ALICE families don't have the means to enroll in many youth programs, leaving children behind their peers and without valuable life skills.

United Way's investment in partner programs provides sponsorships to ALICE families – meaning youth have access to mentorships and skill-building programs.

**962**

Youth benefited from programs teaching leadership, life-skills, and healthy social development in 2023.

**\$100,000**

invested in partner programs in 2024.

**228**

teens attended and engaged with employers at the 2024 Teen Job Fair.

**\$5,700**

Was invested by Women United in 7 literacy programs at local elementary schools in 2023.

**150+**

volunteers made an impact through Great Book Give-away, Stuff the Bus, reading mentorships, and the Youth Success Coalition in 2023.

**Brought to you by:** Youth Success Coalition, Learning for Life Reading Mentor Program, The Great Book Giveaway, Stuff The School Bus