

UWHC's Plan for Improving our Community over the Next Decade

We prioritize projects that are actively working against racial, ethnic and other disparities facing historically underserved populations, and projects that engage community members to co-create solutions.

	Target Issue	Objective	Key Data	Supported Strategies Include
Education	Kindergarten Readiness	Increase % of Henderson County children entering Kindergarten ready to learn	45% enter Kindergarten proficient or above in phonemic awareness. 47% enter Kindergarten proficient or above in print awareness.	Improving access to high quality early education; Literacy outreach for young children not in formal educational programs
	School Success	Provide community services to help improve the school performance of historically underserved student populations	Statewide, Black and Hispanic students are underperforming White students by 20-30 percentage points on reading and math proficiency assessments. Local data show similar gaps. Statewide, economically disadvantaged students are underperforming students who are not economically disadvantaged by 25 percentage points on reading and math proficiency assessments. Local data show similar gaps.	Tutoring and mentoring for at-risk students; Improved access to evidence based after-school and summer programming
Financial Stability	Economic Self-Sufficiency	Improve financial stability for individuals and families experiencing economic hardship	31.1% of residents are considered low-income The median hourly wage is 80.4% of what's needed for 1 adult and 1 child to make ends meet	Transportation; Financial literacy; Improving employability; Assistance accessing benefits
	Affordable Housing	Increase number of families and individuals who have affordable, safe, decent housing	Rent is unaffordable for 48.4% of renters 18.7% of renters spend more than half their income on rent 381 homeless households on the waitlist for housing	Construction/repair of affordable units; Eviction/foreclosure prevention; Long-term housing support
Health	Physical Activity & Nutrition	Improve the level of physical activity & nutrition for children and adults	1 out of 5 households have run out of food or worried about running out of food in the past year 22.4% of surveyed report they get the recommended amount of physical activity 6.7% of surveyed report they consume 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day	Access to healthy foods for food insecure; Education on healthy eating; Promotion of physical activity; Improving physical environment for exercise
	Healthy Youth Behaviors	Decrease risky/harmful behaviors including the misuse of substances among middle and high school youth	30% of ninth graders reported they have used electronic vaping products 21.4% of ninth graders reported they seriously considered attempting suicide in the last year 70 teen pregnancies	Education; Peer support; Mentoring
BN/CS	Basic Needs/Crisis Services	Temporarily provide essential services and resources to residents in crisis		