The United Way of Washtenaw County’s advocacy work engages policy leaders and elected officials to help them understand our community’s needs and challenges, while offering options to help achieve desired changes and strengthen our neighborhoods.

**Public Policy Platform**

**Education**

We champion policies that ensure these outcomes
- Children enter kindergarten ready to succeed
- Students achieve age appropriate benchmarks
- Students complete high school and make a successful transition to post-secondary education and/or vocational training

**Health**

We champion policies that ensure these outcomes
- Families and individuals have access to and receive affordable health and dental care
- People engage in lifestyle initiatives that promote healthy eating and physical activity

**Income**

We champion policies that ensure these outcomes
- Decrease homelessness and build economic stability for low income families and individuals
- Increase income, build savings, and gain and sustain assets for families and individuals
- Support the education of youth and adults on the basics of personal finances and their relationship to long term financial well-being

**Outcome:**
- Reduce the number of homeless families and individuals in Washtenaw County.
- Increase independent living factors for low-income seniors.
- Increase access to health services.
- Increase food security.