

WHY EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY?

We know that when students are not in school, they cannot learn, & that for every one day of school missed, it takes a day & a half of school to catch up. United Way's **Every Student, Every Day** — a set of interventions to **increase school attendance & close the achievement gap** — facilitates partnerships between schools, universities, community providers, families & students. We collaborate closely with elementary schools in the San Diego region to change the odds for local children & their families.



HOW DOES EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY WORK?

United Way recruits & places college/graduate-level interns in elementary schools to provide case management support for chronically absent students & their families. With logistical support from the school site, & clinical supervision & weekly coaching from United Way, interns work to understand the barriers to attendance that students & families face, including housing/food/transportation instability. Through monthly data tracking & progress analysis, interns help decrease absenteeism & increase family stability. They also direct school-wide efforts to recognize & incentivize regular attendance for all students.

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Over **100 students & families** received active case management
- Over **5,000 students** engaged in awareness activities
- Average attendance gain: **2 more weeks of school** (5% increase*)
- **70% of students** made positive gains in attendance

2016-17: 9 interns at 7 schools in City Heights, with 7 additional schools slated for next year.

**Data reflects active clients with less than 90% attendance at the start of the program for school year 2015-16.*

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY'S OBJECTIVE: To make sure all students are in school, ready to learn. We promote the importance of attendance & provide targeted supports for individual students & families that boost their stability & the student's attendance rates.

UNITED WAY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY works every day to **change the odds** for children & their families. For **97 years** we have been working to **disrupt the cycle of poverty**, provide resources for struggling families to become **self-sufficient**, & to create **better lives** for local children by illuminating the pathways for success that come through **learning & succeeding** in school. We do this by focusing on **readiness for kindergarten, early grade literacy**, & preparing for **college & career**, all with a foundation of **family stability**. At United Way, we help students **outside** the classroom to set them up for success **inside** the classroom.

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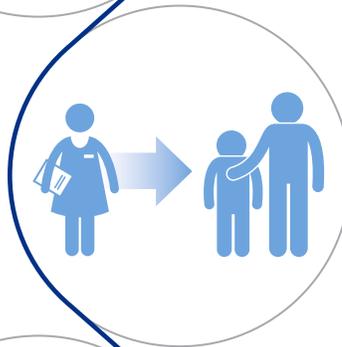


United Way's Partnership for Children EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY



United Way partners with San Diego Unified School District to identify & prioritize interventions for students with attendance concerns. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more (18+ days) of school per year.

United Way recruits & supervises local college & university interns who collaborate with school staff to meet with students & families, & to understand root causes & barriers for attendance issues. Interns also direct activities to increase school-wide messaging around the importance of attendance.



Interns connect families & students to services they need & coordinate resources to help families get back on track. For example, our partnership with the County's Health & Human Services Agency allows eligibility workers onto school campuses, making it quicker & easier for families to access benefits.

In partnership with 2-1-1 San Diego, we capture data on the resources families need, those they access, & track improvements in attendance & academic performance. We use this data to measure progress & do more of what works! While we are supporting students outside the classroom, teachers & principals can support them inside the classroom.



United Way is uniquely qualified to unite stakeholders around common goals—improve attendance to bolster academic achievement & support family stability. In stable families, kids have enough healthy food, a reliable place to call home, stimulating environments to grow & play, emotional support from loving adults, positive relationships with neighbors in their community & a feeling of safety.

