

EDUCATION SNAPSHOT 2020



United Way
of Marathon County

- GOALS:**
- Increase kindergarten readiness
 - Improve academic performance and career readiness



\$672,000

invested in programs addressing Education priorities in 2020.



1,172

students received the book, A Green Green Garden and learned about healthy eating during Adopt a Classroom. In 2020 students took this project home and completed with their families.



2,000+

free, gently used books were given to children and their families through Ready to Read Bookshelves.

FIVE YEARS AGO, WE STARTED WORKING WITH CORISSA WITH START RIGHT, A PROGRAM TO HELP NEW PARENTS NAVIGATE THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THEIR CHILD'S LIFE:

"Once a month for five years this woman came to our home. She gave advice. She held me accountable. She helped me to focus on my goals. She reminded me of my strengths. Most of all, she listened. She listened in 2015 when I was living with friends and just got fired from Subway. She listened in 2016 when I talked with her about finances and going to school. She listened when I asked about Energy Assistance, WIC, wanting to get a "big girl" job (with health insurance and retirement!), when I said I wanted to work on my mental health, organization, moving to a place I could afford, and all my other life goals. I have cried with this woman. Laughed with her. Ranted about life with her. And today, I had to say goodbye for now. It is so hard to say goodbye, but so beautiful to see how far we've come."

100+

educators, school personnel, parents, youth-serving agencies and community members attended Partnership for Youth's virtual professional development offering focused on Helping Our Young People Navigate 2020

6,754

children's clothing items were distributed through Rebecca's Closet to ensure children were prepared for school, weather and seasonal changes

240

Literacy Kits were created by local business volunteers and distributed to area youth to encourage early literacy



151

children had access to quality affordable child care and early years education through Good Start Grants



97.28%

of youth served by 5 United Way funded programs report developing at least one positive relationship with an adult



8,000+

books were distributed to children age birth to 5 through Ready to Read

91%

of parents/caregivers demonstrate an increase in knowledge & parenting skills after participating in 5 different United Way funded programs

1,000

students participated in Partnership for Youth's 5th annual Greater Wausau Youth Hiring Fair, interacting with HR representatives from 100 different businesses in Marathon County

65

Kindergarten and First Grade students were read to in the 1st quarter of 2020 at Marathon, Mosinee, Edgar and Rothschild Elementary schools through the Reading Buddies program