



# 2019 ADVOCACY PLATFORM

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United Way of Allen County engages in advocacy efforts in its four impact areas to assist in advancing a better quality of life in Allen County. Our advocacy platform is designed to support families that are working hard but struggling to survive through evidence-based policy decisions and investments in proven practices that have a high rate of return for our community and its residents.

## 2019 PRIORITY PLATFORM

### FAIR LENDING PRACTICES

United Way of Allen County advocates **for protections for consumers from falling into debt traps and being set up to fail** with loan payments that they are unable to repay. We advocate for capping the annual percentage rate for consumer loans at 36 percent and eliminating predatory lending policies.

### HIGH QUALITY PRE-K

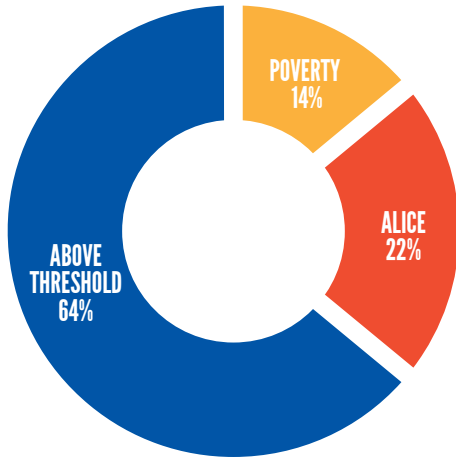
We advocate for access to affordable, high-quality early care and learning as part of a **comprehensive, holistic approach to preparing children from birth to age five for success in school and life and enabling parents and caregivers to work and support their families**. United Way supports continued expansion of state funding and elimination of service need requirements for high quality pre-K to ensure children in poverty and ALICE households (200%+ FPL) have access to a quality education.

### 2-1-1

We advocate for **sustaining and expanding state funding for the 2-1-1 network in all Indiana counties** at a level that enables the service quality required to support people effectively in their time of need.

# ALICE IN ALLEN COUNTY

At the heart of United Way of Allen County's public policy efforts is a desire to advance solutions for families who are working hard but struggling to survive. These families are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed (ALICE). They live above the poverty line, but below the basic cost of living.



POPULATION  
**370,404**

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
**\$51,173**

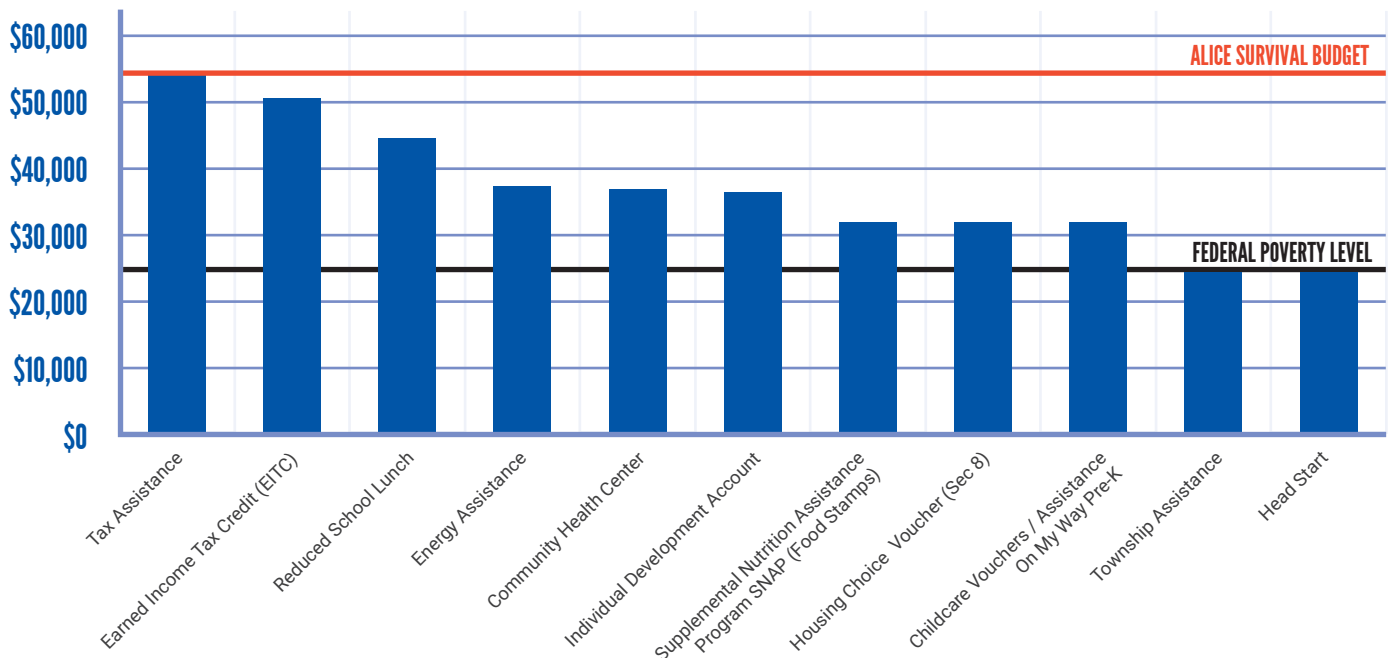
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS  
**142,762**

## MANY ALICE HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EXISTING PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUPPORT

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

2016 INCOME CAP: FAMILY OF 4

Numbers based on the 2018 ALICE report available on [www.unitedwayallencounty.org/ALICE](http://www.unitedwayallencounty.org/ALICE)



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