

Evidence of Need

UWSC-funded solution

Health

26.5% of Story County students qualify for free or reduced lunch, some buildings have rates as high as 40%	BackPack Program is available to feed kids over the weekends, summer feeding programs help during June, July, August. During the summer of 2012 there was only one summer meal site providing a meal for about 100 children; this year we anticipate 900 children will receive meals from 7 sites
11% of Story County adults report 14 or more days of poor mental health per month in 2016.	Eyerly Ball served 763 people with outpatient mental health evaluation and ongoing treatment. NAMI'S Wellness Center is open in the afternoons (M-F) and served 110 individuals last year.

Education

11% of third graders in Story County are not reading at the proficient level	Iowa Reading Corps can help these kids (and others K-3) catch up in reading and be launched with their peers
Low to moderate income students can lose up to three months of their school-year gains during the summer	Enrichment services aimed at keeping kids from experiencing the "summer slide"

Financial Stability

Story County has the highest rate of food insecurity (15.5%) in the state (11.5%).	The two ASSET/UWSC-funded food pantries served over 17,000 people in 2018. In addition, UWSC conducts the LIVE UNITED Food Drive every spring to help stock shelves for 17 Food Pantries throughout Story County.
Alternative financial products (non-bank check cashing/money orders, payday lending, pawnshops, rent-to-own, tax refund anticipation loans) are used by 42% of Iowa households with incomes of \$50,000 or less. 16.1% of Story County households are underbanked and 6.3% of Story County households are unbanked.	At the end of the Women United workshop series, 93% of participants report they use a bank (71% reported they use a bank on the first night of the series)