

# UNITED WAY OF DANE COUNTY PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

## 2019-2021 POLICY PRIORITIES

### Education:

- **Expand access** to affordable, high-quality childcare as well as local home visiting and other early learning opportunities for all children in Dane County.
- **Support policies** that close gaps in academic achievement particularly for students of color.
- **Increase access** to affordable higher education and post-secondary education programs to ensure Dane County students are prepared for college, career and community life.

### Financial Stability:

- **Strengthen access** to job training and workforce development programs that align to jobs with family supporting wages, benefits and stable work schedules and provide opportunities for career advancement.
- **Support tax** and other public policies that promote income stability.
- **Expand access** to affordable housing and address disparities in homeownership rates which contribute to the racial wealth gap.

### Health:

- **Protect and improve** access to affordable, high-quality health care to ensure people's health issues are identified and treated early.
- **Ensure basic nutritional programs** are available to vulnerable populations.
- **Support** the provision of culturally competent and linguistically responsive care.

### Nonprofit and Community Strengthening:

- **Protect and expand** existing charitable giving tax incentives that provide support to nonprofits in Dane County and nationwide.
- **Position and promote** United Way 211 as our community's most comprehensive health and human services information and referral resource.
- **Support community partnerships** that promote equity and social justice.