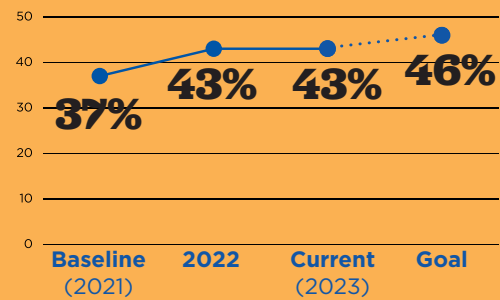


Education

Only 43% of third graders are proficient readers, although reading is a foundational skill for all future learning. Achieving reading proficiency by the end of third grade is a crucial milestone in a child's academic success.

GOAL: Increase 3rd grade reading proficiency by **25%**

Informed by data from the Center for the Future of Arizona, Arizona Department of Education, AzMERIT results



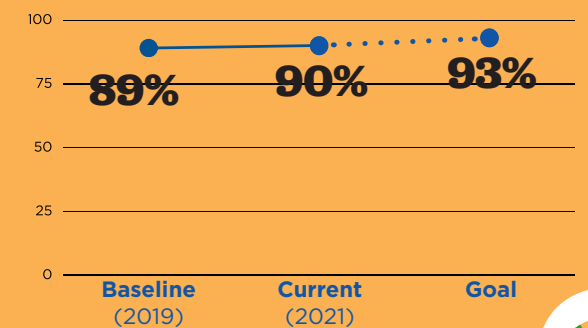
Measured: 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency Rate



80,000 youth aged 16 to 24 are not engaged in school or employment. These young adults are less likely to be employed, more likely to rely on government assistance and tend to have poorer health conditions.

GOAL: Increase youth aged 16-24 engaged in education and employment opportunities by **38%**

Informed by data from the Center for the Future of Arizona, U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year Public Use Microdata Series Person File for Arizona



Measured: Rate of Engagement Amongst Opportunity Youth



United Way in Action

STRATEGY: United Way works with schools and nonprofit partners to build and strengthen literacy capacity in early learning environments:



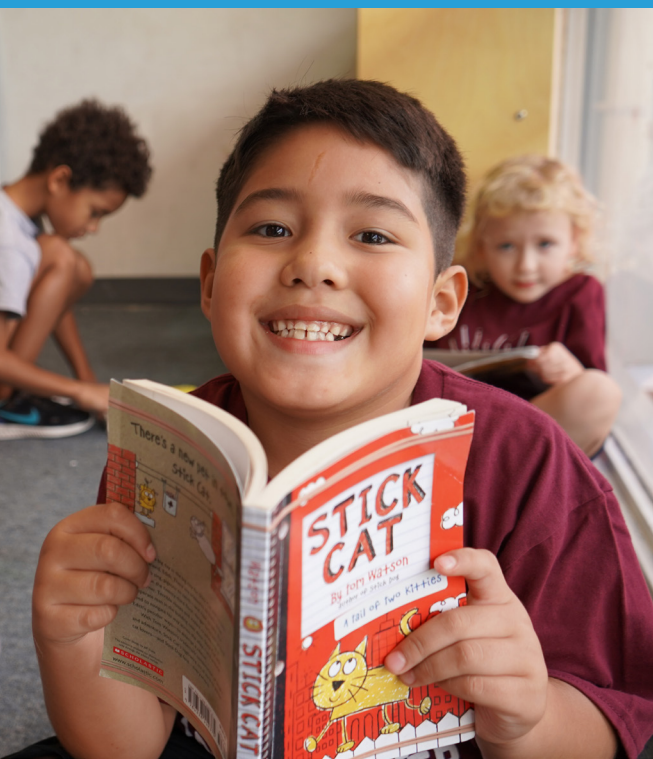
- 51,072** literacy resources provided
- 12,548** individuals completed professional development activities
- 23,341** participants tutored and/or received academic assistance
- Partnered with **770** child care providers
- Nearly **10,000** children received child care scholarships through our statewide partnership with **First Things First**

United Way in Action

STRATEGY: Increase Parent and Family Support



- 6,627** students received socioemotional support through 1:1 mentoring
- 27,351** students received after-school care in a safe environment
- 16,606** youth engaged in positive adult relationships



SPOTLIGHT Project C.A.L.L.

Project C.A.L.L. is a statewide consortium working to improve literacy skills and strengthen the collaboration needed to drive efficiency and innovation that will accelerate language and literacy outcomes in underserved schools and communities.

These partnerships include relationships with Read On Communities across the Valley, such as Read On Avondale/Southwest Valley, Read On Chandler, Read On Phoenix, Read On Pima and Read On Tempe. Nearly 6,500 children have been served through newly launched literacy hub programming, which has included over 24,000 hours of tutoring and distributed 50,000 books for children to start their own home libraries.

Additionally, these partnerships are addressing chronic absenteeism with the launch of MapLIT 2.0, Arizona's comprehensive data tool for interactive mapping and reporting on data that impact school readiness and early literacy outcomes.



United Way's Future Focus on Education

We continue to monitor geographic areas of disparity among literacy and engagement rates, and make connections to literacy hubs and other supportive programming.

In addition, we will lean into partnerships that specialize in specific supportive services that keep vulnerable students not only from drifting away from achievement, but towards post-secondary achievement that will prepare them to thrive in future careers.