# **UNITED WAY PROGRAMS**

# 2-1-1 VENTURA COUNTY



Launched in 2005, 2-1-1 is an easy telephone number to remember that connects people with important health and human services in Ventura County. 2-1-1 is free and confidential and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Over 20,000 Ventura County callers are connected each year with information about services available to them, including: counseling, food assistance, domestic violence services, employment resources, health care, senior services, legal assistance, substance abuse services, resources for parents and much more.

# BORN LEARNING

Born Learning is a public engagement campaign to help parents, caregivers and communities create early learning opportunities for young children. In partnership with First 5 Ventura County, Born Learning trails have been installed in the communities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, El Rio, Ventura and Santa Paula.

#### BUILDING HEALTHY SMILES



Good dental health is critical to children's ability to grow up healthy and ready to learn so they can succeed in school and life. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease and unmet need of children in California and it is preventable. United Way and its partners, Ventura County Public Health, First 5 Ventura County, Santa Barbara/

Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation, Child Development Resources, Ventura County Office of Education, and Clinicas del Camino Real are addressing oral health and access to care barriers faced by children in underserved populations in Ventura County.

# EARN IT, KEEP IT, SAVE IT

A community partnership led by United Way Ventura County, the Ventura County Human Services Agency, Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation, and the IRS to increase awareness of and access to the Earned Income Tax Credit and to provide electronic filing of income taxes free of charge through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

# EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

Administered locally by the United Way of Ventura County, this national program provides funding to expand the work of local social service organizations in providing food, shelter and rental assistance.

#### WOMEN UNITED



A network of individuals dedicated to helping resolve single mother's issues in our community through their collective financial and leadership power. Through strategic partnerships Women United will identify qualified candidates, engage with partners to facilitate impact and execute initiatives for Ventura County single moms of need dedicated to improving their station in life.

# **VOLUNTEER VENTURA COUNTY**

Engages people with meaningful volunteer opportunities to meet real community needs; assists non-profits in developing effective and efficient volunteer programs; and promotes volunteerism and civic engagement. VVC's web-based platform provides a searchable database of volunteer opportunities provided by local non-profit organizations.

# **AMERICORPS**



AmeriCorps is the domestic version of the Peace Corps. AmeriCorps is federally funded and aims to meet community needs across the United States. United Way will act as the Supervising Organization and will be partnering with four local agencies, Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation, First 5 Ventura County, Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Oxnard/Port Hueneme, who will be hosting AmeriCorps Fellows. AmeriCorps Fellows main task will be to develop and expand sustainable volunteer programs(s) that move service agency missions forward.

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