

ADVOCATING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

UNITED WAY OF TAMPA BAY'S PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA FOR

THE 111TH CONGRESS

> Leadership Priorities

United Way of Tampa Bay brings the community together to provide solutions to the most critical needs in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. In partnership with **United Way of America**, we will continue to research national issues where our leadership will result in positive change for our great community.

> Advocacy Priorities

HELP CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL

- ▶ Reauthorize and expand the **Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)** (formerly named the Child Care Development Block Grant) to increase the number of children served by subsidized child care and out of school care.
- ▶ Support the **Graduate for a Better Future Act** to improve high school graduation rates by targeting resources to the nation's under-performing schools and local school districts.

PROMOTE FINANCIAL STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

- ▶ Expand opportunities for Florida families to benefit from the **Earned Income Tax Credit** and **Child Tax Credit**.
- ▶ Support the **Savings for Working Families Act** to assist lower-income families save, build assets, and enter the financial mainstream through individual development accounts (IDAs).

PROVIDE A FOUNDATION OF CARE AND SUPPORT

- ▶ Pass the **Calling for 2-1-1 Act** to ensure that every American has access to the community service and telephone number, 2-1-1; secure federal funding to expand and enhance Florida's 2-1-1 network.
- ▶ Continue and expand support for the **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)** to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people in the Tampa Bay community by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.

> Support Priorities

- ▶ **Health Care:** SCHIP reauthorization/expansion, support for Healthy Start, monitor reforms to Medicaid.
- ▶ **Affordable Housing:** National Housing Trust Fund regulations, Community Development Block Grant, Section 8 Housing Vouchers, McKinney-Vento Homeless Programs.
- ▶ **Disaster Preparedness & Recovery:** FEMA regulations, national catastrophic insurance policy.
- ▶ **Nonprofit Sector Strengthening Initiatives:** Nonprofit tax policy & accountability; volunteerism and community service; continued appropriations to social service organizations.