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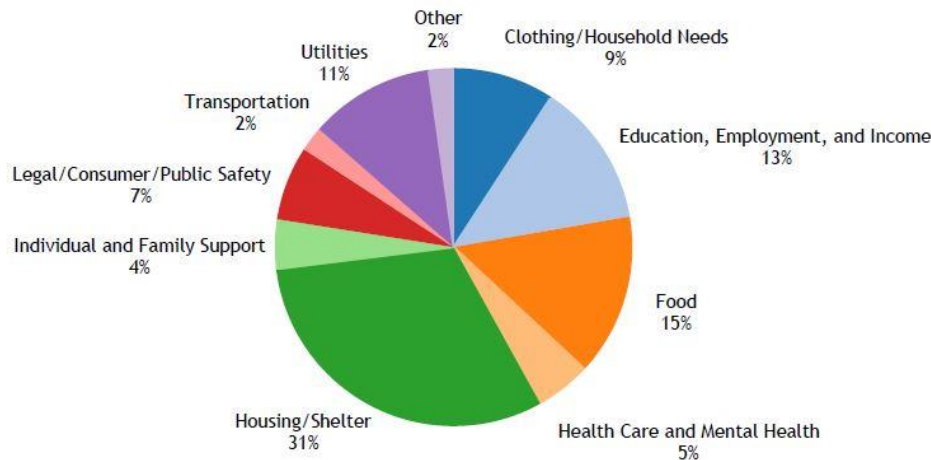


Connecting Veterans to Services via United Way 2-1-1

[TOLEDO, Ohio] – This Veterans Day, United Way encourages the community to thank those who have defended our country, as well as recognize the needs of service men and women, after they return home.

United Way 2-1-1, a free information and referral service line, connects thousands of community members with various local programs that help meet their basic needs. In the past nine months, nearly 750 individuals assisted have been Veterans.

Need Categories



Need Category "Other" includes: Arts, Culture, and Recreation; Other Government/Economic Services; Volunteers/Donations

A recent 2-1-1 report (Jan.-Sept. '17) notes the greatest needs of Veterans in Lucas County are housing/shelter, food, education and employment/income services. The top five services referred were food pantries, electric service payment assistance, emergency shelter, rent payment assistance and tax preparation assistance.

Of the 88 Ohio counties, Lucas County has the sixth highest concentration of Veterans in the state (according to '17 VA data.) A majority of callers are between the ages of 36-57 years old, and are primarily located in East, Downtown and Central Toledo.

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United Way of Greater Toledo, serving Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties, unites the caring power of people to improve lives. Together, we're on a mission to change lives forever in our community by investing in programs focused on education, financial stability, and healthy lifestyles. We tackle the tough problems in these areas by funding and partnering with the most effective local organizations who create real opportunities and get results. LIVE UNITED by visiting www.unitedwaytoledo.org.