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Learn more at our Best Beginnings web-page: www.unitedwayyellowstone.org/best-beginnings	
VOLUNTEER	
Join a Best Beginnings work group or the Leadership Team (2 hours per month)	ALL Projects
Be a <i>Parent Connect</i> Volunteer Email Coordinator (1 hour per week)	Parent Connect
Volunteer as a <i>Parent Mentor</i>	
Be a <i>Volunteer Book Sorter</i> (as needed)	School Readiness
Host a book drive (on your time or in conjunction with one of our book drives)	
Organize a <i>Read To Me Dude</i> focus group with fathers and/or father figures	
Be a <i>Laundry Reading Area</i> Volunteer: help <i>Michelle Breum</i> switch out books, clean equipment	
Volunteer to staff the <i>Bright By Text</i> table at community events (as needed)	Bright By Text
Host a <i>Bright By Text Sign Up</i> at your church, club, or business (on your time)	
Share information for local <i>Bright By Text</i> messages with aburkhardt@uwyellowstone.org . We need messages about local low cost events, opportunities, or resources for children age 0-5, caregivers of these children, or whole families!	
Help us produce local <i>Bright By Text</i> video messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share your media expertise in filming & editing • Be an actor in one of our videos (if our “true stories” prefer stand-ins) • Share your personal or professional story about one of these topics in a <i>Bright By Text</i> video message or recommend someone for this! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Post-partum depression</i> • <i>Perinatal substance use</i> • <i>Reading to babies</i> • <i>Selecting a child care</i> • <i>Getting your child ready for Kindergarten</i> 	
Make sure your agency’s programs are listed correctly on Montana 211	Montana 211
Offer feedback and expertise to improve the Montana 211 website	
Host an issue-focused hackathon to improve Montana 211 resource lists for young families	



INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2020



DONATE	
New and gently used children’s books for <i>Ready Children</i> projects, including Laundry Reading Areas and nonprofit reading programs	Book Access
New items for the <i>Community Baby Shower</i> ! Start collecting in May – drop off at United Way in June for distribution to nonprofit partners	Community Baby Shower
Diapers for the <i>Diaper Bank</i> !	Diaper Bank
Home Visiting “Welcome Bag” supplies	Parent Connect
Like to write a check? Or host a “Give Back Birthday”?! We can help! ↓ \$25 buys ↓	
The gift of literacy -- All nine <i>Reach Out and Read</i> books needed for one child’s well-child check-ups from age 6 months to 5 years.	Reach Out and Read
The gift of financial stability -- 160 diapers for the <i>Diaper Bank</i>	Diaper Bank
The gift of connection -- Six months of <i>Bright By Text</i> messages to a young parent	Bright By Text
The gift of connection -- Six months of access to 24/7 help via the <i>211 Call Center</i> or website for anyone in Yellowstone County – including young parents	211

Contact Information

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For a list of leaders connected to each project visit:

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