WHO WILL TACKLE THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORKING POOR?

A.L.I.C.E.

Asset Limited | Income Constrained | Employed
WHO IS ALICE?
Asset Limited | Income Constrained | Employed

ALICE households earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living

ALICE is working, yet not earning enough

ALICE has little or no savings and is one emergency away from falling into poverty

ALICE individuals struggle every month to afford basic necessary expenses like transportation, childcare, food and rent
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT LIVE BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD

ALLEN PARISH ...................... 57%
40% are ALICE - 17% live in poverty

BEAUREGARD PARISH .......... 43%
25% are ALICE - 18% live in poverty

CALCASIEU PARISH ............. 46%
26% are ALICE - 20% live in poverty

CAMERON PARISH ............... 27%
17% are ALICE - 10% live in poverty

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH .... 50%
29% are ALICE - 21% live in poverty

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ...... 47%
27% are ALICE - 20% live in poverty

LOUISIANA ......................... 48%
29% are ALICE - 19% live in poverty

THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF INCOME THAT A HOUSEHOLD NEEDS TO AFFORD THE BASICS.
$ HOUSEHOLD $ SURVIVAL BUDGET

THE COST OF BASIC NECESSITIES AT A BARE-MINIMUM LEVEL.

Does not include any savings which leaves a family unable to pay for unexpected expenses.

HOUSING
CHILD CARE
FOOD
TRANSPORTATION
HEALTHCARE
TECHNOLOGY
TAXES

Part time worker making minimum wage works 30 hours per week for 52 weeks and earns $11,310 per year.

Full time worker making minimum wage works 40 hours per week for 52 weeks and earns $15,080 per year.
HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET
family of 4: 2 adults, 1 infant, 1 preschooler

ALLEN PARISH .......................................................... $50,532
Allen Parish Median Household Income .......... $41,801
$25.27 needed vs. $20.90 Average
Hourly wage needed vs. the average hourly wage in Allen Parish in order to support the Household Survival Budget

BEAUREGARD PARISH ............................................. $50,532
Beauregard Parish Median Household Income .... $46,599
$25.27 needed vs. $23.30 Average
Hourly wage needed vs. the average hourly wage in Beauregard Parish in order to support the Household Survival Budget

CALCASIEU PARISH ............................................... $57,132
Calcasieu Parish Median Household Income....... $45,962
$28.57 needed vs. $22.98 Average
Hourly wage needed vs. the average hourly wage in Calcasieu Parish in order to support the Household Survival Budget

CAMERON PARISH .................................................. $53,784
Cameron Parish Median Household Income........ $65,679
$26.89 needed vs. $32.84 Average
Hourly wage needed vs. the average hourly wage in Cameron Parish in order to support the Household Survival Budget

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH ................................. $50,532
Jefferson Parish Median Household Income..... $39,202
$25.27 needed vs. $19.60 Average
Hourly wage needed vs. the average hourly wage in Jeff Davis Parish in order to support the Household Survival Budget

$25.27 needed vs. $20.90 Average
Hourly wage needed vs. the average hourly wage in Allen Parish in order to support the Household Survival Budget
WHAT DOES THIS REALLY MEAN?

**HEALTH**

LOUISIANA’S RANK
HEALTHCARE
QUALITY & ACCESS

- 47th

2nd highest rate of low birthweight babies
5th highest rate of heart disease deaths
36.2% of Louisiana’s adults are obese - 21% higher than the national average
2nd leading cause of death for teens is suicide
1 in 5 persons above age 12 has a mental health condition
61.8% of Louisiana’s adults with mental illness do not receive any treatment

**ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

LOUISIANA’S RANK
OPPORTUNITY

- 50th

66% of Louisiana’s jobs pay less than $20 per hour
Number of 8-hour days it takes a minimum wage worker to pay median rent
- Allen: 10 days
- Beauregard: 12 days
- Calcasieu: 14 days
- Cameron: 14 days
- Jeff Davis: 10 days

**BASIC NEEDS**

LOUISIANA’S RANK
DRINKING WATER
& AIR QUALITY

- 50th

46 - Number of affordable housing units for every 100 low-income households in Louisiana
1 in 4 renting families spends over 70% of their income on rent and utilities
58% of single mom households live in poverty
23% of Louisiana’s children are living with food insecurity
2/3 of Louisiana’s public school children qualify for free or reduced lunch

**EDUCATION**

LOUISIANA’S RANK
EDUCATION

- 48th

Louisiana 4th graders scoring at or above the country’s proficient standard
- Math: 30%
- Reading: 29%
- Science: 25%

Young children living in poverty
- Calcasieu: 28%
- Beauregard: 27%
- Jeff Davis: 27%
- Allen: 26%
- Cameron: 4%
WHAT IS UNITED WAY DOING ABOUT IT?

HEALTH

FAMILYWISE
Prescriptions discounted........... 4,378

833.TXT.TEEN
Texts answered ............... *NEW PROGRAM

CRISIS CHAT
Chats answered............. *NEW PROGRAM

ECO MOBILITY

VITA
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Tax returns filed................................. 2,751
Sites in five parishes............................. 10
Economic Impact ......................... $4.1 Million

BASIC NEEDS

UNITED AGAINST CHILD HUNGER
Day of Caring
Weekend Food Packs....................... 7,000

211 RESOURCE LINE
Callers assisted......................... 18,297

THE PATH HOME
Homeless served.............. *NEW PROGRAM

EDUCATION

LITERACY KITS
Kits delivered................................. 500

IMAGINATION LIBRARY
Books mailed............................... 12,573
Children enrolled ....................... 1,190

WRITESTART PROJECT
Schools given supplies ................... 31

* United Way of Southwest Louisiana is able to utilize the 211 Resource Line as a tool to see what the community needs. This data gives us the ability to adapt current initiatives, add partners or even new initiatives in order address important societal issues.