

A.L.I.C.E.

ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED
HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL GAME INSTRUCTIONS



Who is ALICE?

The A.L.I.C.E. (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained Employed) Report calls attention to a population that represents those in our community who are employed and working hard barely make enough to get by or are not quite making ends meet. They are living paycheck-to-paycheck and one unforeseen disaster will push them into financial ruin.

The ALICE survival game was created to highlight the day-to-day struggles that 38% of Kansans face. While it is a great hands-on tool to utilize during your United Way campaign, for nearly half of our friends, neighbors and co-workers, this is not a game. They must make these decisions and live with the consequences of their choices.

It is not possible to “win” the ALICE survival game, although players should not be aware of this starting out. The game was designed to be a conversation starter about the struggles of the ALICE population.

It is important to remind players that without the support of United Way’s programs like the 2-1-1 Information and Assistance Helpline that these individuals would have nowhere to turn when an emergency happens. By donating to United Way, players are taking a stand to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every A.L.I.C.E member in Kansas and their community specifically.

Supplies Needed

- A Smarties candy roll (or 15 similar sized token) for each player
 - These candy pieces will represent their monthly budget money
- ALICE board for each player
- Unforeseen Emergency Cards

How to Play

- Give each player one (1) roll of Smarties and one (1) ALICE board.
- Inform players that they represent a family of four. Both parents are working full-time jobs and they have two children ages 7 and 2.
- Each player will now build their budget by placing between 1 to 3 candy pieces in every column. Each column must have at least 1 candy piece.
 - Each column represents an aspect of a family budget and indicates corresponding candy piece cost with the dollar symbol on the side.
- Discuss with players where they invested their candy pieces and why.
- Have players draw an Unforeseen Emergency Card and react according to the card by removing the set number of candy pieces from their budget.
- Players may reorganize their budget after the Unforeseen Emergency but must still keep a minimum of 1 candy piece in each column.
- Discuss with players where their budget priorities have shifted due to the new financial crisis they just faced.
- Continue to have players draw Unforeseen Emergency Cards as needed.

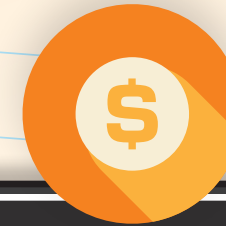
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You are a family of four with 2 children ages 7 and 2 and both parents work full time. You must place tokens in every column. How will you spend your money?



You walk or bike everywhere because there is no public transportation available.



You leave your children alone at home with the older sibling in charge.



You have 1 unbalanced meal per day with foods found at convenience stores or fast food locations.



You stay in a long-term hotel rental with 1 bathroom. There is no patio, yard, parking or cooking amenities.



You do not have health insurance so you pay for all medical expenses yourself.



Any savings is spent on necessities, leaving nothing for a rainy day.



You have a convenience store within walking distance, but no major shopping within 20 miles.



You walk, bike or take public transportation when you need to go anywhere.



You place your children in an unlicensed child-care facility in the person's home.



You have 2 semi-balanced meals per day made up of prepackaged or ready-to-eat options.



You lease a 2 bedroom apartment with 1 bathroom, covered patio, covered parking and full kitchen.



You have limited health insurance for yourself through your employer but no coverage for your family.



You manage to save \$20 each week after the 5 other survival items are covered.



You have a grocery store 10 blocks away and a mini-mall within a mile.



You finance your own automobile so you can travel anywhere you choose when needed.



You enroll your children in a licensed child-care facility with early learning opportunities for your children.



You enjoy 3 home cooked or well-prepared and balanced meals per day with snacks.



You own a 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with a fenced yard, 2 car garage, full kitchen and laundry room.



You have full medical, dental and vision coverage for your entire family through your employer.



You manage to save \$50 a week after the 5 other survival items are covered.



You have convenient access to 2 grocery stores and a large mall within walking distance.

UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES



Your current transportation is no longer reliable and you must change it.

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Your childcare situation has changed and you must make adjustments.

LOSE 



The price of food increases and your budget gets tight.

LOSE 



Pay your utilities, phone and cable bills that came due at the same time.

LOSE 



Elderly parents need your attention and you must take time off to care for them.

LOSE 



You have to buy new school uniforms and professional work attire.

LOSE 



A night in the emergency room with a sick child has set you back.

LOSE  



Unexpected Event
(Players Choice: Ask players to make up or recall a significant scenario that caused a financial set-back.)

LOSE  



Long-term unemployment has taken it's toll on your family.

LOSE   



Your roof started to leak after a bad storm and ruined some of your belongings.

LOSE   