

ONE CRISIS AWAY...









Oftentimes, we are just one job loss, illness or car accident away from needing public assistance. Today, we challenge you to budget for a month with a limited income.

THE RULES

Imagine you are married and you both have jobs where you make minimum wage. You and your partner have a 3-year-old son and 7 year-old daughter in your care. You must budget for the month within each category on this board. (Do not leave a category empty). After making your selections, your United Way tour guide will simulate real-world events that will occur during this month, reducing your income, forcing you to reallocate your funds.



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 of Washtenaw County

CATEGORY	A	B	C
 HOUSING	Unfurnished studio apartment, 1 bath, street parking only, stove only, basic appliances (stove, fridge), need to use laundromat <input type="radio"/>	3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, covered patio, covered parking space, basic appliances (stove, fridge) and shared laundry facilities/room in apartment complex <input type="radio"/>	2 bedroom, 1½ bath house, small fenced yard, 2-car garage, appliances (stove, fridge, dishwasher, washer and dryer in home) <input type="radio"/>
 HEALTHCARE	No health insurance, you pay for all health related out of pocket costs <input type="radio"/>	Health insurance for you but, no health insurance for your family members <input type="radio"/>	Health insurance for you and your family members through your employer <input type="radio"/>
 FOOD (PER PERSON)	1 meal a day <input type="radio"/>	2 meals a day <input type="radio"/>	3 meals a day+ snacks <input type="radio"/>
 TRANSPORTATION	Walk or bike everywhere, no public transit available <input type="radio"/>	Walk, bike or take public transit <input type="radio"/>	Own your own car <input type="radio"/>
 CHILDCARE	No childcare, either split shifts with spouse or grandma/grandpa watches children <input type="radio"/>	Daycare and before/after school program (Latch Key) <input type="radio"/>	In-home babysitter/nanny <input type="radio"/>
 TECHNOLOGY ACCESS	No computer No cell phone No TV and/or internet <input type="radio"/>	No computer Cell phone TV – no cable and internet <input type="radio"/>	Personal computer Cell phone TV with cable and internet <input type="radio"/>
 LOCATION (Access/proximity to resources)	1 grocery store within walking distance, no mall within 20 miles <input type="radio"/>	Grocery store across the street from your home within a mile <input type="radio"/>	2 grocery stores nearby and within walking distance <input type="radio"/>
 SPENDING MONEY	No extra money left each week after all bills are paid <input type="radio"/>	\$20 left over each week after all bills are paid <input type="radio"/>	\$50 left over each week after all bills are paid <input type="radio"/>