



# **ALICE**

<u>Asset Limited, Income</u> <u>Constrained, Employed</u>

TOOLS to support ALICE

# Can you pick out ALICE?





### Who Is ALICE?

The United Way ALICE Project is a grassroots movement committed to strengthening communities by improving the lives of ALICE

Our families, neighbors and colleagues who work hard but due to child care costs, transportation challenges, high cost of living and so much more are living paycheck to paycheck.



- Proud and won't ask for help
- Know every service program available and goes for it
- Wants help but doesn't know where to go
- Needs help with making good personal choices.

http://wisconsin.makingtoughchoices.org/







### How Do You Reach Out to ALICE?

### How does ALICE find help?



## States That Have Adopted ALICE

CONNECTICUT

https://www.ctunitedway.org/2016/06/17/alice/

**FLORIDA** 

http://www.uwof.org/united-way-alice-report-florida-0

**IOWA** 

http://www.uwiowa.org/united-way-alice-report-iowa

**MARYLAND** 

http://www.uwcm.org/main/alice/

**VIRGINIA** 

http://www.virginiapreventionworks.org/united-way-alice-report-details-size-and-scope-of-financial-hardship-in-virginia/

**NEW JERSEY** 

http://www.unitedwaynnj.org/ourwork/alice.php

OHIO

http://ouw.org/alice/

**WISCONSIN** 

http://unitedwaywi.site-ym.com/page/ALICE

INDIANA

https://www.unitedwaymadisonco.org/alicereport

**IDAHO** 

https://www.unitedwaymadisonco.org/alicereport

LOUISIANA

https://www.launitedway.org/ALICE

**MICHIGAN** 

https://www.uwmich.org/alice/

WASHINGTON

http://www.uwpc.org/ALICE

**NEW YORK** 

http://www.uwnys.org/images/16UW\_ALICE\_Report\_NY\_Lowres\_11.11.16.pdf

**OREGON** 

https://www.deschutesunitedway.org/sites/deschutesunitedway.org/files/15UW%20ALICE%20Report\_PNW\_Lowres\_1.4.16\_ExeSummary.pdf

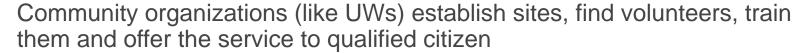


### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Program offers free tax help to people

- Making \$54,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities
- Limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own returns

IRS certified volunteers provide free basic income tax preparation with electronic filing



Most sites open in February and close April 15<sup>th</sup>

Resources are available so that people who need assistance come prepared with necessary information:

https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers https://www.irs.gov/individuals/checklist-for-free-tax-return-preparation





### Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

EITC puts money back into the pockets of low and moderate income workers and is considered our nation's most effective prowork, anti-poverty tool.

- VITA helps workers claim EITC
- Benefit for working people with low to moderate income that reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund



#### Resources are available:

https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit/eitc-income-limits-maximum-credit-amounts-next-year



### My Free Taxes

United Way Worldwide has partnered with H&R Block to offer their premium online tax preparation service free to everyone who made less than \$65,000.

- This link takes you to the site to begin filing: <u>https://www.myfreetaxes.com/</u>
- This link is sponsored by the United Ways of California and has some great additional Information like a tax preparation checklist: <a href="https://www.myfreetaxes.org/?lang=en">https://www.myfreetaxes.org/?lang=en</a>





### 211

This three digit telephone number is a free and confidential service that helps people across the US. It is available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Every hour of every day, hundreds of people need essential human services – they are looking for:

- Training
- Employment
- Utility Assistance
- Food pantries
- Help for an aging parent
- Addiction prevention programs
- Affordable housing options
- Support groups
- Ways of becoming part of their community



## National Council On Aging (NCOA)

NCOA is a respected national leader and trusted partner to help people aged 60+ meet the challenges of aging. They offer practical solution to aging well through 3 programs:

- **Benefits Check-up**: See if you are eligible for benefits to pay for food, medicine, rent and other daily expenses
- <u>Economic Check-up</u>: Get tips and resources to manage your budget, save money, avoid scams, find a job and more
- My Medicare Matters: Explore how to make the most of your Medicare benefits and find the best plan for you.

#### Resources:

https://www.benefitscheckup.org

https://www.economiccheckup.org

https://www.mymedicarematters.org



### **FamilyWize**

### 3 Easy Steps for Using FamilyWize



#### **BRING**

the card to your pharmacy

#### **SHOW**

it to your pharmacist

#### **SAVE**

on your prescriptions



### When Is FamilyWize Helpful

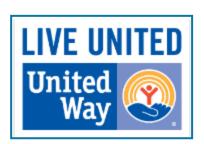
- If you're uninsured
- If you're underinsured, i.e. you have:
  - Limited or catastrophic plan
  - High deductible
  - Long waiting period
  - Medications not covered by your plan
  - o Co-pay is higher than FamilyWize price
  - No Medicare Part D or during donut hole



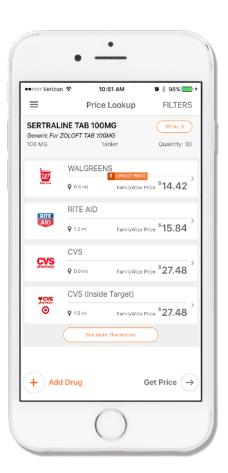


### How to Access FamilyWize Resources

- FamilyWize Website (Partner Portal)
- Mobile App
- Don't forget our Drug Price Look-Up Tool











Executive Director, Community Engagement

sgilmore@familywize.org

610-428-4815

