Principles & Philosophy CONFERENCE

Making Choices

ALICE

Asset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed



How will you allocate your budget?

The 15 Smarties represent your budget. You have a 15 credit budget to spend each month.

Your family has 2 adults, one working full time and one working 2 part-time jobs, 2 children; an 11 year old boy and a 3 year old girl.

Make the best possible choice in each category to determine how your family will live.

You must have at least one "credit" (Smartie) in each category (row). Place the desired number of "credits" to indicate your spending choices.

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Category	Difficult (1 Credit)	Limited (2 Credits)	Convenient (3 Credits)
Housing	Studio Apartment (1 bedroom), 1 Bath, unfurnished, no patio/yard, street parking only, stove only	2 Bedroom apartment, 1 bath, unfurnished, covered patio, 1 covered parking space, stove and refrigerator	3 Bedroom house, 1 ½ bath, furnished, small fenced yard, 2 car garage, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher.
Healthcare	No health insurance, you pay for all health related costs.	Health insurance for you through your employer but no health insurance for your family members.	Health insurance for you and your family through your employer.
Food (Per Person)	1 meal a day	2 meals a day	3 meals a day
Transportation	Walk or bike everywhere, no public transportation	Walk, bike, or take public transit	Own your own car
Technology Access	Basic cell phone, no smart phone, no computer, no TV, no internet	Cell phone, limited data, no computer, no Internet, no TV, no cable	Laptop, smart phone, TV with internet & cable
Day Care	No childcare	Family, Friend, or Neighbor	Full day child care and afterschool care
Shopping	1 Grocery store not within walking distance, no mall within 20 miles	Grocery store access near your home with a few small stores within a mile.	Grocery stores nearby and several stores/mall within walking distance.
Spending Money (Clothes, entertainment, field trips, birthdays, furniture, etc.)	No extra money left after bills are paid.	$20 left over each week after bills are paid.	$50 left over each week after bills are paid.

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