

Poverty in our Community

Pursuing Economic Stability
in South Central PA

Poverty Impacts Our Community

- Instability and inconsistency in life of poverty
- Higher turnover rates for employers
- Affects property values
- The tax base in a community
- Learning environments at school
- Resources a community possesses
- Sense of hopelessness and failure

Poverty affects the sustainability of a community.

So What Does It Cost to Be Self-Sufficient?

- What does it cost to pay all of your own bills in Franklin County?
- This would not include any Cash Assistance, Food Stamps, Child Care subsidy, WIC, Housing or Utility Assistance
- **No Government Assistance**

Cost for a Parent, Infant, and Preschooler

Housing & Utilities	
Child Care	
Food	
Transportation	
Health Care	
Miscellaneous	
Total Monthly Expenses:	
Yearly:	
Hourly:	

Poverty Guidelines for 2014

The Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) are used to determine most government program eligibility – it is the standard that defines who is “poor.”

Family Size	Annual Income
Four	\$23,850
Three	\$19,790
Two	\$15,730
One	\$11,670

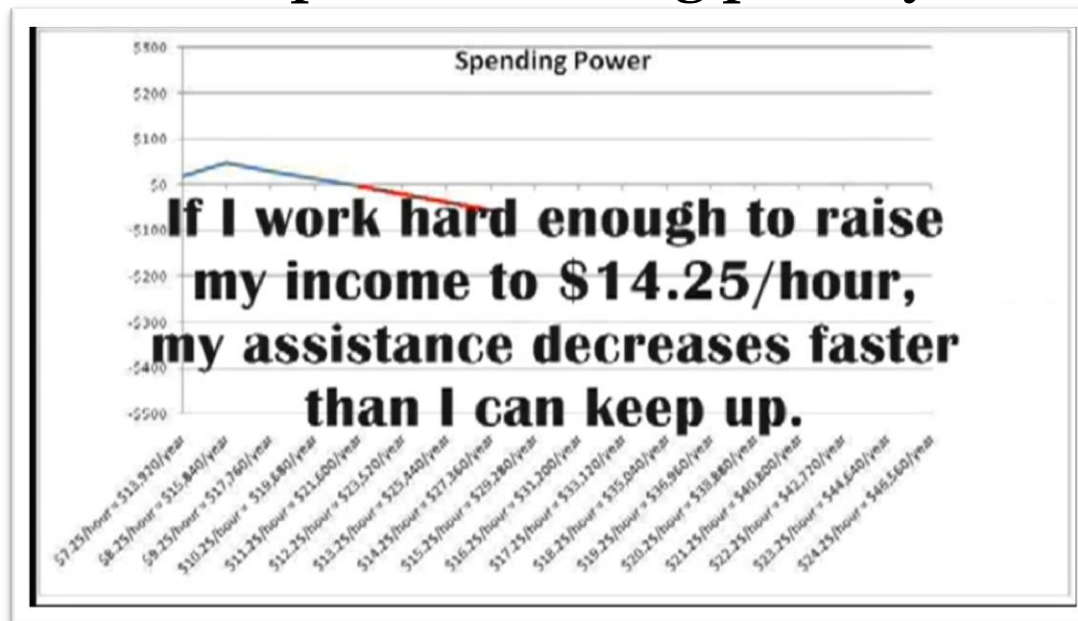
Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (February 2014)

The parent of a family of three would lose health benefits when their income reaches \$6,530
The family would lose food stamps when their income reaches: \$31,664,
and lose access to Food Pantries at \$29,685

The Wage Gap Video

www.supportcircles.org/community-results.html

Understand the Cost/Benefit Analysis along the path of leaving poverty.



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Poverty Statistics	
People	15,305
(Percentage)	10.3%
Children	5,228
(Percentage)	15.0%

Source: American Communities Survey, 2012 Data

Unable to Afford Basic Living Expenses	
Families	1 out of every 4 or 5
(Percentage)	20-25%

Source: PA Pathways

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Free & Reduced Lunches, October 2013	
Franklin County Schools	43.6%
Waynesboro Area School District	45.9%
Chambersburg Area School District	49.4%
Greencastle-Antrim School District	26.8%
Fannet-Metal School District	40.8%
Tuscarora School District	39.2%

Source: PA Department of Education ,October 2013

www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/national_school_lunch/7487

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County Assistance Office Statistics	
Total Number of Households in Franklin County: 58,044	
Type of Assistance:	January 2014
Cash Assistance (TANF)	253 households
Food Stamps (SNAP)	6,960 households
Average Food Stamps Amount	\$248.33
Average Family Size	2.35

Source: PA Department of Public Welfare , January 2014
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Supporting the Social Infrastructure

- **Gaps in the existing social support systems** make it nearly impossible to move out of poverty.
- **Innovative solutions** must be created (Circles, Gleaning, Food Development Program, apprenticeships, soft skill coaching, etc!)
- We **must work together** to create a path out of poverty!



Circles

www.SupportCircles.org

South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP)

Empowering families and engaging our community to pursue innovative and effective solutions to break the cycle of poverty.

South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP)

- Circles Initiative
- Homeless Shelter
- Employment Services
- Homeless Assistance Program
- Gleaning Program
- Food Pantry
- WIC (Women, Infants, & Children)
- SCCAP Café
- CCIS (Child Care Info & Subsidies)
- Weatherization

Thank You!

- Any Questions?
- Want more information?

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