



SEMINAR 3: BEING AN EFFECTIVE VOLUNTEER



Emerging
Community Leaders

Community Question:

What percentage of Illinois households earn above the Federal Poverty Level but still can't afford basic needs like housing, childcare, and food?

- A) 10%
- B) 18%
- C) 24%
- D) 30%



What percentage of Illinois households earn above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) but still can't afford basic needs like housing, childcare, and food?

C) 24%

In Illinois almost 12% of residents are below the FPL.

19% in Champaign County. For a single person, the FPL is an annual income of \$15,650 or lower.



UNITED WAY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Who is ALICE? Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

- ALICE earns just above the FPL but less than what it costs to make ends meet.
- ALICE is forced to make impossible choices each day.

Data about ALICE reshapes the dialogue of financial hardship

- Clarifies the mismatch between low-paying jobs and survival costs.
- Provides tools to understand income and budget comparisons.

Federal Poverty Level
for a single person is
\$15,650

In the past 5 years, the
Consumer Price Index
has increased almost
25%.

ALICE Budget and Income Status, Champaign County, Illinois

Categories	Monthly Costs and Credits
Housing	\$1,008
Child Care	\$0
Food	\$476
Transportation	\$397
Health Care	\$182
Technology	\$86
Miscellaneous	\$215
Taxes	\$415
Monthly Total	\$2,779
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$33,348
Hourly Wage	\$16.67

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UWCC advocates and collaborates on solutions that promote financial stability.

- Households earning above FPL are not always eligible for federal or state support.
- Supports programs to address the multiple and interwoven challenges.

Programs supported by UWCC:

- **211**
- Shelter Program of **C-U at Home**
- Legal Help with Public Benefits through **Land of Lincoln Legal Aid**

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- What does it mean to be a volunteer?
- What are some roles and responsibilities of a volunteer?
- What should I consider before signing up to volunteer?



HOW TO BE A GOOD VOLUNTEER

- **Dependability:** Show up and be ready to jump in!
- **Flexibility:** Be prepared to follow the coordinator's guidance and keep in mind the volunteering goal.
- **Congeniality:** Unexpected setbacks or changes may happen. Be a flexible, amicable, and part of a solution.
- **Humility:** Put the organization's needs first.
- **Philanthropy:** Contribute in other ways if you can (e.g. coordinate a collection in advance, donate, etc.)

REMEMBER YOUR WHY: GETTING STARTED

- What cause or social issue is important to you?
- What skills can you contribute?
- How much time can you commit to in your schedule? Can you commit on a recurring basis?
- What is your capacity?



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QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS

INTRODUCTION

- What nonprofit organization(s) are you affiliated with?
- What is your role? What volunteer service to you currently participate in? Do you serve on any boards or committees? or have you in the past?

WHAT TO CONSIDER IN VOLUNTEERING

- What are some details to consider in choosing a volunteer commitment? (connection to the mission, availability and expectations, etc.)
- What are some good tips to prepare for volunteering?
- What have been some of the challenges/obstacles you have faced when volunteering?

QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS

YOUR BOARD INVOLVEMENT

- What role(s) does the board play in the organization(s) you're involved with?
- What are some responsibilities you've been asked to perform as a board member?

AND/OR

- As a nonprofit leader, what are some responsibilities you've asked board members to perform? (fundraising, engagement, expertise, etc.)
- What are the time and/or financial commitments of being a board member in your experience?

QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS

DECIDING TO BE ON A BOARD

- What are some good questions to ask to current board members or the organization director?
- What do you consider the most important advice to give someone as they consider board or committee service?

TAKEAWAYS

- What are some of your best takeaways and benefits from volunteering?
- What have been some of the challenges/obstacles you have faced when serving on a board, and how did you overcome them?

CLOSING NOTES

- To-do's
 - Volunteer and track hours
 - Volunteer with team project date?
 - Team project presentation
- Group Volunteer Opportunities
 - Power of the Purse, **Thursday, May 7***
 - Bottom Line Diaper Bank Re-Pack, **Monday, May 11**
- Next meeting, **Thursday, May 14**
 - Seminar 4 “Fundraising for Impact”
 - Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavillion Rooms A&B

*If you have already signed up or are planning to, please stay to chat with Anne.



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