## FROM HARDSHIP TO STABILITY

**PAVING A PATHWAY FOR ALICE** 

IN THE TRI-COUNTY REGION

The **Economic Viability Dashboard** reveals whether the conditions in three key areas – work, housing, and community supports – strengthen or weaken opportunities for households below the ALICE Threshold to reach stability. These families are either in poverty or are **ALICE** (**A**sset **L**imited, Income **C**onstrained, **E**mployed) – earning above the poverty level but less than the cost of basics.

With more than 30 new ALICE variables, this Dashboard spotlights needs and pairs them with promising practices – paving the way for targeted solutions for these households.

Low wages and minimal benefits packages make it difficult for ALICE to afford the basic needs and support their household.

44% of full-time workers cannot afford the basic essentials for one adult and one child.

## **PROMISING PRACTICE 1:**

Address Benefits Cliffs



More than 24,000 working-age adults below the ALICE threshold are out of the labor force with a child in the house.

## PROMISING PRACTICE 2:

Housing Mediation Services & Legal Support for Tenants in Eviction Proceedings

More than 34,000 renter households below the ALICE threshold pay more than 30% of income on rent and utilities.

**PROMISING PRACTICE 3:** 

Offer Creative Child Care Solutions

More than 60,000 seniors live without a retirement income.

**PROMISING PRACTICE 4:** Enhance Benefits and Compensation

**Goal:** To provide ALICE workers with essential services, so they can support their household and ensure their basic needs are met at all stages of their life.





