

2023 CONSENSUS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



UNITED WAY OF FLORIDA



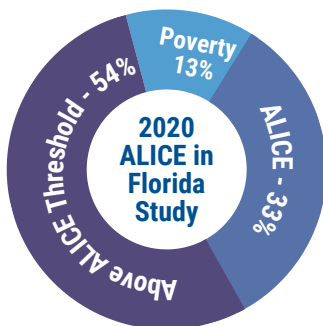
MEET ALICE.

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed, with "employed" being the key word.

United Way's groundbreaking Florida ALICE Report spotlights the workers who collectively form the backbone of Florida's economy. These are workers we all rely on for everyday supports and services.

ALICE AND THE FISCAL CLIFF.

ALICE represents households that have incomes above the Federal Poverty Level, but struggle to afford basic needs, such as housing, food, healthcare, childcare, technology, and transportation.



ALICE FAMILIES ON THE BRINK.

ALICE families live on the brink of financial disaster every day, just one car breakdown, medical emergency, or other unanticipated expense away from falling into poverty. Pre-COVID, nearly half of Florida's households, 46%, were struggling to pay monthly bills.

ALICE AT WORK.

ALICE workers are essential to the fabric of our society and our economy. ALICE is behind integral jobs in our communities, from early learning educators to mechanics to hospitality workers; the success of our communities is tied to the financial stability of ALICE households.



The 2023 Florida United Ways Consensus Legislative Agenda is supported by a coalition of 28 United Ways serving Florida's 67 counties and provides policy makers opportunities to help ALICE become more financially stable and self-sufficient; improving the quality of life and economy for all.

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FINANCIAL STABILITY

INVEST \$1.2 million in state funding which, when combined with the \$1.8 million match by local United Ways in Florida, offers enhanced opportunity for free tax preparation:

- Extending services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas.
- Increasing capacity to file returns electronically.
- Improving quality and accuracy through increased recruitment and training of volunteers.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

INCREASE overall funding for affordable housing programs, including SHIP and SAIL.

FOCUS resources on programs and initiatives that incentivize the construction of affordable rental units.

SUPPORT local governments and provide resources to help facilitate local solutions.

PASS legislation to promote eviction mitigation and allow for tenants to seal eviction records.



EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

ELIMINATE the fiscal cliff eligibility for Florida's child health insurance programs by adopting a tiered-premium structure aligned with increasing household wages.

INCREASE the income threshold to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level for children 0-4 and 250% for children 5-17.

FUND a pilot program testing the success of wraparound supports to assist families phasing out of state-funded programs.