



# ALICE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**ALICE** is an acronym that stands for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. United Ways from several states have joined forces as part of **United For ALICE**, a grassroots movement to improve the lives of these vulnerable families, neighbors, and colleagues who work hard, earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford a basic household budget.

To ensure the data accurately reflects local nuances, our research relies on the expertise of local academicians and specialists, which comprise the **ALICE Research Advisory Committee** for that state. Additionally, when reports are released, Committee members can speak to the connections between the ALICE research and their work, building upon the data to address issues in their community.

## COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The members of the Research Advisory Committee should have a passion for numbers and for the betterment of their state. It is helpful to have members from a range of organizations and disciplines including academic institutions, social and human service organizations, hospitals, government agencies, or market research organizations. It is especially helpful to have members knowledgeable in public policy, education, health care, labor, or tax laws.

## WHAT'S INVOLVED

The Committee meets twice to support the data collection and analysis for the ALICE Report in their state, followed by webinars and electronic correspondences. Committee members contribute their expertise and experiences to inform and elevate the discussion on pressing local topics, as well as help identify and access local data sources.

Once the Report is released, members may be asked to speak to the media and public audiences in their area of expertise and help connect the Report to current issues in their community. Members are encouraged to help spread the word about ALICE by sharing the findings at conferences or writing an editorial. Members of the Committee will also be given access to the ALICE data sets, tools, and measures to use in their own research or work.

## QUESTIONS

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