

THE ALICE EXPERIENCE | MEET THE JOHNSON FAMILY



Michael Johnson, 32
Manufacturing
\$19.59 per hour



Alex, 12

THE GOAL: FIND STABLE HOUSING

Michael and his daughter live in Falconer. Michael works in manufacturing and does not own a car. He needs to be in walking distance to work and to Alex's school. He makes **\$40,747** per year.

Michael and his daughter have no family or natural support systems. Alex's mother is not in the picture. Due to breaking his foot, he was unable to work for a time and fell behind on his bills. He is back to work but needs help getting food from Salvation Army and other resources in Jamestown, including assistance for a security deposit. The Johnsons have a dog, who is very important to Alex.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Michael is eligible for public assistance but does not want to utilize it.
- Michael does not receive child support.

GUIDELINES:

- Keep your goals in mind.
- Budget for all categories - you may not skip a section.
- You may budget for any category in any order.

JOHNSON FAMILY

TOTAL FAMILY BUDGET

12 COINS*

TOTAL COINS SPENT:

You may not exceed your budget

HOUSING

1

- Studio apartment
- One bath

2

- Apartment
- One bed
- One bath

3

- House
- Two beds
- One and a half baths

CHILD CARE

1

- No access to reliable childcare

2

- Leave kids with multiple family and friends, but found it is unreliable

3

- Put the kids in a reliable, licensed childcare center close to home

SAVINGS

1

- After the bills/food is paid for, no extra money is left

2

- \$20 left over each week after all the bills are paid to pay down debt

3

- \$50 left over each week after all bills are paid to pay down debt and contribute to savings

TRANSPORTATION

1

- No access to public transportation
- Rely on family and friends for rides

2

- Take CARTS buses, but the schedule can be unreliable

3

- Own your own car

FOOD

1

- Full of carb-heavy, processed foods
- Void of nutrients
- High in fats and sodium

2

- Rely on cheaper cuts of meat
- Canned fruits and vegetables, which are higher in sodium and sugar

3

- Lean meats
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Locally sourced

HEALTH

1

- Avoid going to the doctor

2

- Only go to the doctor when it's an emergency

3

- Proactively address health concerns

NEIGHBORHOOD

1

- Sometimes unsafe, high lead levels
- under resourced schools
- Grocery store within five miles, no proximity to support services

2

- Relatively safe, some lead levels
- Resourced schools
- grocery store & support services within walking distance

3

- Safe, low lead levels
- Abundantly resourced schools
- Two grocery stores nearby access to many support services

TECHNOLOGY

1

- No cell phone
- No computer or internet
- No TV

2

- Cell phone with a prepaid monthly plan
- No computer or internet
- No TV

3

- Cell phone
- Home computer with internet
- TV with cable/streaming

1=1 COIN, 2=2 COINS, 3=3 COINS | YOU CANNOT SKIP A SECTION | KEEP YOUR FAMILY'S GOAL IN MIND WHILE MAKING YOUR BUDGET