


Economic Instability in Minnesota

577,000 Minnesotans

 (including 175,000 children under age 18) live in households that are **below** the federal **poverty threshold.***

***\$20,780 for a family of three in 2016.**

“Finding meaningful work that can support a family and provide vital benefits is a huge issue. In poverty, each step forward - job, transportation, family budget, education - requires thought, energy, creativity, and sometimes even the simplest thing is a Herculean effort...Do that, day in and day out, and you learn what it really means to be under stress.”

~ Rev. Tom Biatek, Maplewood

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) helps families meet their basic needs while working toward financial stability.



7 of 10 MFIP recipients are children

50% of those are under age 5 



Ramsey County

Population: 538,133

Households in Poverty: 16.5% (up from 8.8% in 2000)

Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 57%

Children 0-5 Eligible for WIC: 45.4%

Active MFIP Cases: 3,715

of Children in CCAP (monthly average): 4,676

Households Receiving the Working Family Credit: 15.9%

Average Amount of Credit: \$845

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) allows parents to work and children to succeed. CCAP provides flexibility to accommodate work and school hours.



Poverty Data from the US Census Bureau (2016)

Free and Reduced Lunch Data from the Minnesota Department of Education (2016)

Data for children ages 0-5 from the US Census, American Community Survey (2017). Eligibility for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program at 185% of federal poverty guidelines.

MFIP and CCAP data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (2018, MFIP numbers include those adults in the Diversionary Work Program)

Working Family Credit information based on data from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (2015)



Executive Director
Anne Krisnik
akrisnik@jrlc.org

Statewide Organizer
Katie Powell
kpowell@jrlc.org