Childhood Poverty in Rural America

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Lasting Impacts of Child Poverty

- Childhood Disadvantage is Associated with ...
  More *Health Risks* and More *Problems in Social Functions*
  - Lower educational attainment
  - Reduced friend support
  - Lower social integration
  - Higher incidence of smoking
  - Increased family strain
  - More health problems

Poverty in the North Central Region

Overall Poverty Rate, 2009-2013

Child Poverty Rate, 2009-2013

Note: Metro Counties have more color transparency
Source: ERS USDA ACS 2009-2013 5 Year Estimates
## Income and Poverty, North Central Region

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<td>Total Population in Poverty</td>
<td>10.4%</td>
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<td>Minors (Age 0-17) in Poverty</td>
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<td>Real Median Household Income*</td>
<td>$55,748</td>
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* Note: Regional Median Household income is the population-weighted average of median household income values across the states.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau – Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

*Counties with Child Poverty Rates Above 20% (2009-2013)*
- Non-Metro Counties – 44%
- Metro Counties – 31%
Child Poverty is Multi-Dimensional

• Studies on Intergenerational Mobility of Economic Status
  – Family (Parenting, Structure, Investments, etc.)
  – Community (Education, Safety, Jobs, etc.)

Programs Need to Be
(Holistic and Begin with Capacity Building)

Community/Region: Economic Opportunity, Support, Education, Capacity Building, etc.

Families: Parenting, Structure, Career Readiness, Life Skills, etc.

Child/Youth: Education, Career Readiness, Life Skills, Leadership, Social Integration, etc.

Example: Turning the Tide on Poverty, funded in part by the Farm Foundation