

Education Work Group

Barriers and Challenges to Moving Out of Poverty

- Managing job requirements and parenting
- Availability and cost of childcare for working parents
- Childcare for adults in school
- Lack of support for non-traditional students
- School readiness for preschoolers 0 – 5
- Parents level of education – expectations for children are low
- Lack of social supports and community connections
- Academic infrastructure is built around traditional stay home parenting hours
- Long breaks and its impact on working parents – summer, school breaks,
- Snow days and impact on working parents
- Loss of family connection with school
- Lack of short term, job training / workforce development
- Health care needs of children
- Unintended pregnancy
- Mental health impacting both adult and children's education
- Language and writing skills of target population
- Impacts of drugs on both adult and children's education
- Need for more targeted vocational training related to area job needs
- Developing advocacy skills
- Hunger
- Understanding available resources to assist with education for both adults and children.