**SCENARIO #6**

**Who are you:**

You are a single parent raising one 8 yr old child.

You work part time 30 hours a week because you take classes at night school in order to be able to advance at work. You earn $11/hour. Your monthly income is $1.485.

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| Monthly expenses |
| Rent (a two-bedroom apartment) | USD 650 |
| Utilities (electricity, gas, water, and phone) | USD 250 |
| Transportation (gas, insurance, repairs for one car) | USD 200 |
| Tuition | USD 100 |
| Childcare (after school program) | USD 250 |
| Taxes | USD 200 |
| Total expenses: | USD |
| Monthly income: | USD |
| Minus amount of expenses: | USD |
| Amount left for food: | USD |

1. If you deduct the total of your expenses from your monthly income, how much money do you have left over to buy food?
2. What other things would your family need to buy every month? Consider everything that goes into keeping a house clean, washing clothes, toiletries, kitchen supplies like paper towels etc. and shoes, clothes, school supplies for the children.
3. Are there things on your budget that you won’t be able to afford?
4. Would you prioritize differently in your budget?

See Poverty Guidelines Chart - is your family’s income above, at or below the poverty line?