

# EDUCATION

## THE SITUATION

### A SNAPSHOT

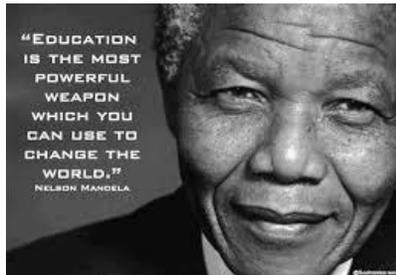
#### Can you change it?

In our community, individuals and families are struggling to pay their mortgages, keep their utilities on as well as provide food for their tables. Without having some type of education, how will they ever get ahead?

Factors that affect Education, are widespread. In Luce County there are 475 adults with less than

the equivalent of a high school diploma. In Mackinac County there are 958 with Mackinac County at an increased

number of 2,238. The median annual income for these individuals is \$10,576 which will never support an individual, much less a family. The wage needed to support one's self in Luce County is \$25,480, in Mackinac \$26,120 and \$25,760 for Chippewa. Families receiving State assistance has declined and that may lead one to believe that the problem is getting better, but there have been more stringent guidelines implemented in the last



several years, so we may not be getting a true picture of the needs. For 2014 there were 72 families receiving food benefits through the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services. Mackinac County reported 35 families and Chippewa had 251. When you look at families who receive cash assistance from MDHHS you see

what 964 cases are in Luce, 1,302 in Mackinac and 5,247 in Chippewa. When we look at free and reduced

lunch applications you will note that the entire EUP is above 50%. The schools estimate this is low as there are a lot of parents out there that do not turn in the forms.

So how can we build on education and help our community members get a hand up instead of a handout? Think outside the box! Community Impact means going to the root of the problem.

### SOME STATISTICS

#### Total Population

Luce	6,522
Mackinac	11,137
Chippewa	38,917

#### Child Poverty

Luce	31.7%
Mackinac	25.4%
Chippewa	25.1%
State of MI	24.7%

#### Total Poverty

Luce	21.1%
Mackinac	16%
Chippewa	19.1%
State of MI	17.4%

#### Unemployment

Luce	6.9%
Mackinac	3.7%
Chippewa	7.8%
State of MI	5.4%

#### Food Insecure

Luce	16.8%
Mackinac	16%
Chippewa	17.3%