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**Not Getting By In Nevada**  
**University of Nevada, Reno**  
**Policy Project**

**EXHIBIT G** Senate Committee on Finance

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### **Project Description:**

A team of 8 social work master's degree students worked on a budget for a hypothetical family, which consisted of a 28-year-old mother, a 7-year-old child, and a 4-year-old child. We found her a job at \$10.25/hr., and she received \$500.00/mo. additional income in the form of child support.

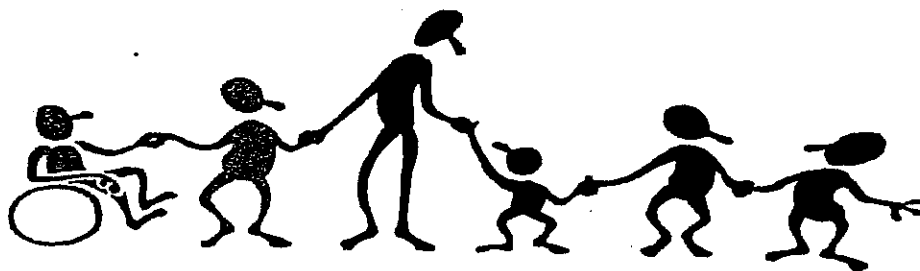
### **Result:**

We did not have enough income to survive and were unable to find access to support that would enable us to do so.

<b>LOW INCOME SURVIVAL PROJECT: MONTHLY BUDGET</b>	
<b>FOOD</b>	<b>183.92</b>
<b>RENT/UTILITIES</b>	<b>765.00</b>
<b>HEALTH/MEDICAL</b>	<b>92.96</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>196.22</b>
<b>CHILD CARE</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>MISC./HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>163.07</b>
<b>SAVINGS</b>	<b>81.53</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1982.70</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1736.00</b>
<b>MONTHLY DEFICIT</b>	<b>246.70</b>

## ABOUT LIVING WAGES IN NEVADA

Recent research determined the very basic, minimal cost of living for families of various sizes. A living wage is based on meeting basic needs only.



from *WORKING HARD, LIVING POOR*

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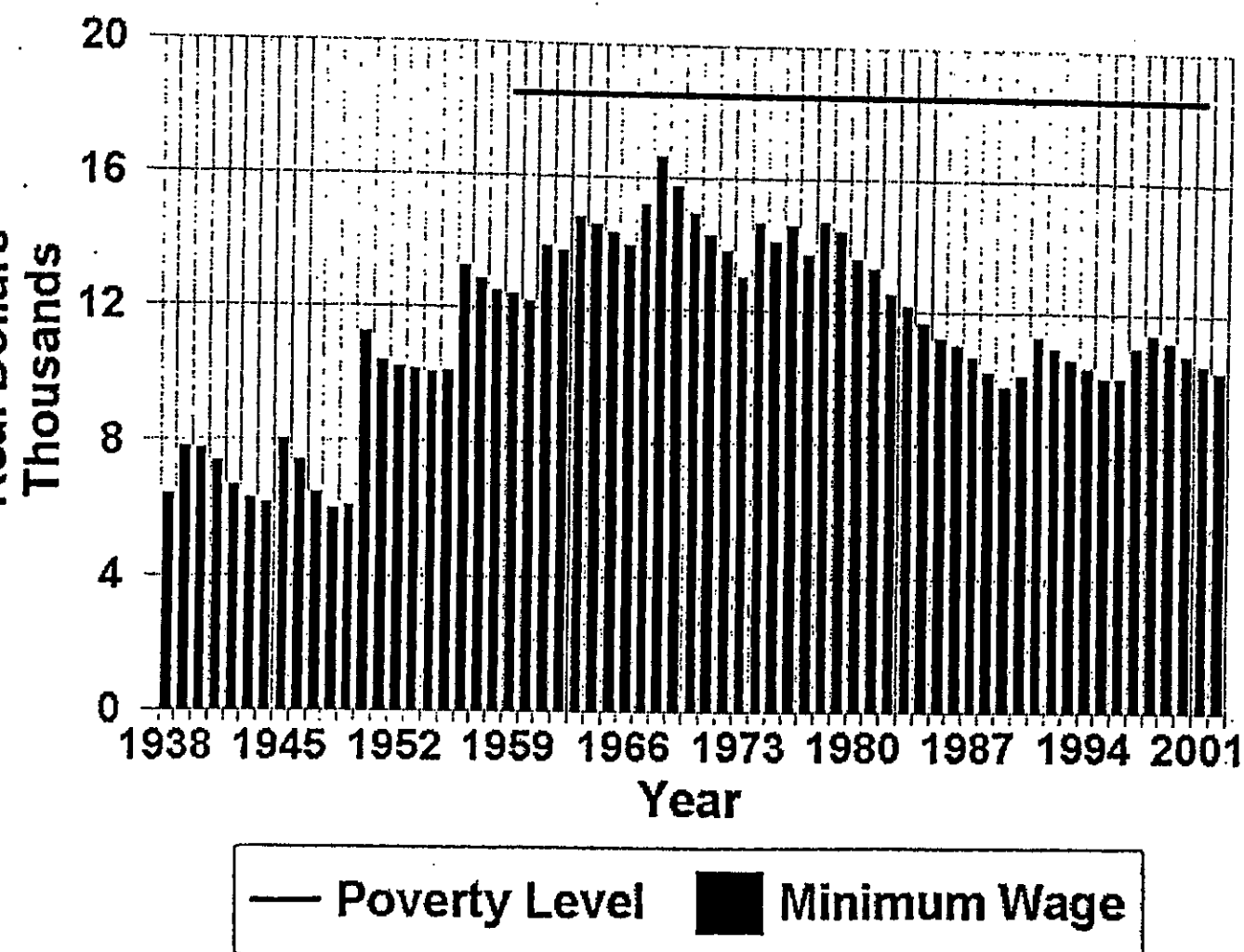
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FAMILY UNIT	\$ HOURLY LIVING WAGE (for Nevada)
SINGLE PERSON	8.53
1 PARENT, 1 CHILD	12.87
1 PARENT, 2 CHILDREN	14.57
2 PARENTS, 1 CHILD	15.04*
2 PARENTS, 2 CHILDREN	17.03*

\* Parents' combined incomes need to total this amount.

Multiplying the minimum wage by a work year of 50, 40-hour weeks gives the annual earnings that can be  
 expected from a minimum wage job. The red line is the poverty level annual income for a family of four.  
 Minimum wages have never been sufficient to raise a family out of poverty, if only one member of the family  
 works.

## Minimum Wage vs Poverty Level



## WAGE COMPARISON: FAMILY OF 3 ...ONE WORKING ADULT

