**Homelessness Awareness Lesson Plan: Week of**

**Topic:**  Homeless due to loss of Job-Wages-Benefits and/or Relocation

 **Main Idea:** Uncertainty for Workers Losing Jobs at Atlantic City Casinos

 **Activities:**

1.) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vouOEM25YQ> (stop at 1:45)

2.) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWdyNjNpbvw> (stop at 2:00)

3.) Whole Group Discussion: What temporary relief can the unemployed access in order to avoid becoming homeless due to inability to make payment on rent or mortgage?

4.) Either in whole group or groups of 3 to 4, read the following New York Times article concerning Atlantic City Unemployment Issues connected with casino closings.

5.)In small groups, discuss the availability of options outside of Atlantic City/County and what financial roadblocks they might encounter that will deplete their already limited financial resources.

**Assessment:** Each group should use the data from the following website to calculate the number of hours worked at ***Minimum Wage*** to meet ***Required annual income before taxes*** based on your group’s scenario: *(teacher should assign scenario to each group)*

Scenario 1: 1 Adult

Scenario 2: 1 Adult, 1 Child

Scenario 3: 1 Adult, 2 Children

Scenario 4: 2 Adults, 1 Child

Scenario 5: 2 Adults, 2 Children

Scenario 6: 2 Adults, 3 Children

<http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/34007>

You can use the following formula to calculate the amount of hours required

***Required annual income before taxes / Minimum Wage / # of weeks per year= # of hours necessary per week to meet Typical Expenses***

 6.) Optional- calculate # of hours daily based of 5 day work week, 6 day work week, 7day work week

**Closure/Reflection-** Students will reflect on what luxury items were not included in the Typical Expenses Table and calculate how many extra hours would be needed to cover those expenses (example: how much does cable TV cost per month, cell phone, internet, etc.)

**YouTube Links:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vouOEM25YQ>

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**Web Resources/Articles:**

 <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/26/nyregion/uncertainty-for-workers-losing-jobs-at-atlantic-city-casinos.html?_r=1>

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