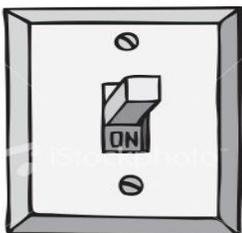
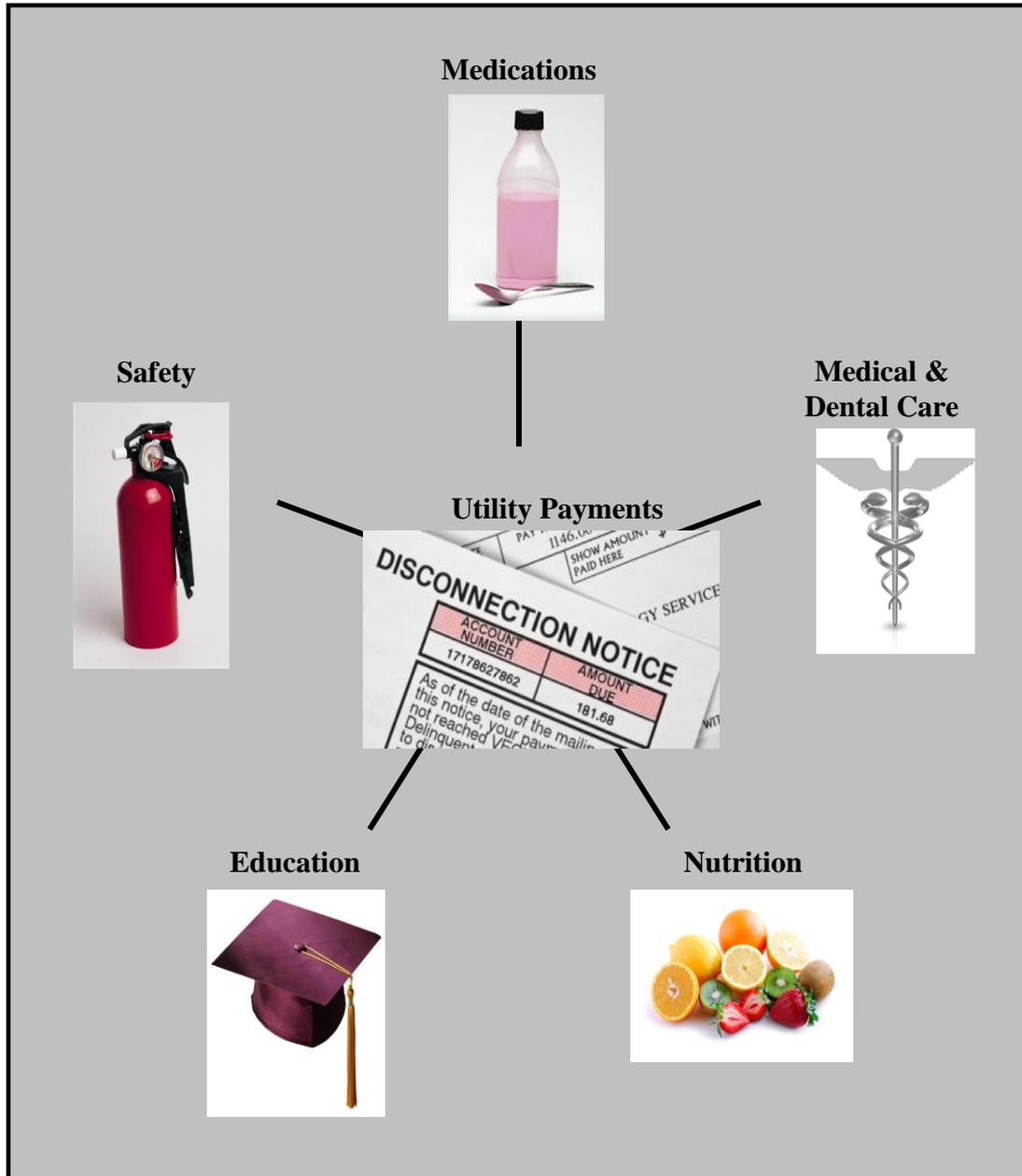


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The Shaws

Andrew 36; Mary 34; Dana, 12

Annual income: \$16,050 Utilities: \$350

Monthly income: \$1,088 Rent: \$475

Food Stamps: \$300

In November 2006, Mr. Shaw was laid off from his job. He occasionally works odd jobs as a painter and his wife works part-time. Even though the family receives food stamps, they often find themselves short of food by the end of the month.

Dana has severe asthma and requires a breathing treatment twice a day. Two months ago, Dana was hospitalized for treatment of an upper respiratory infection. Dana's frequent hospital visits has resulted in a sharp decrease the family's income and put Mrs. Shaw in jeopardy of losing her job.

The family lives in a poorly maintain housing unit exacerbates Dana's condition. Despite the family's attempts to "winterize" their apartment and keep their heat usage to a minimum, their monthly heating bill is still too high. The family is faced with the decision of paying this month's \$350 heating bill or attending to Dana's medical needs.

The Kings

Cynthia 27; Joy 14; John, 4; Alex, 1

Annual income: \$10,000 Utilities: \$250

Monthly income: \$833 Rent: \$400

Food Stamps: \$630

Cynthia King is a single mother of three children. She works a minimum wage job and receives child support payments for her children. Last year, Ms. King lost her Section 8 voucher because her water was disconnected. The family moved from home to home for several homes before they moved into a 2 bedroom home with the grandmother.

Joy's grades have been steadily dropping this school year. Her teachers are considering retaining her in the 8th grade because of academic underachievement.

In July, Grandmother's electricity was disconnected and Alex found in lying in his crib struggling to breathe. The baby suffered a heat stroke.

Keeping the Power On Goals:

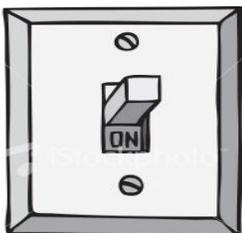
- *Study the effects of energy insecurity on the local community.*
- *Form partnerships with community-based organizations for problem-solving.*
- *Design protocols for identifying and addressing home energy needs in medical homes.*
- *Create a website to facilitate community-based utilities advocacy.*
- *Support energy-related policy efforts beneficial to child health and development.*

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