

DIRECTIONS: Cut along dotted line and fold along solid line. Glue or tape interior for your set of (6) CBI Equity Cards.



I am...

- An 8 year old girl
- Hispanic
- Not yet an American Citizen but I have lived in the U.S. since I was six months old
- Living in a bottom income bracket
- Doing well in math but reading below grade level
- Living in Charlotte, on the Westside

I want a good life for myself.

What are the chances that I will make it to the Middle Class in America?

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In America...

- Hispanics have a 52% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- Girls have a 57% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- People in a bottom income bracket have a 40% chance of making into the Middle Class
- Having basic reading and math skills in middle childhood is an important benchmark for adult success

What does the future hold for me in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, given the cards I have in my hand?

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I am...

- An 18 year old boy
- White and an American Citizen
- Born to a married mother with a college degree
- Living in a top income bracket
- A recent high school graduate with a 3.0 GPA and am heading off to college
- Living in South Charlotte

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In America...

- Whites have a 68% chance of making it in the Middle Class
- Men have a 64% chance of making it to the Middle Class
- People with high family incomes have a 75% chance of making it to the Middle Class
- Graduating from high school with a GPA of 2.5 or greater is an important benchmark for adult success

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I am ...

- A 9 year old boy
- African American and an American Citizen
- Born to a married mother
- Living in the top income bracket
- A hard working student but I struggle with a learning disability
- Living in Center City Charlotte

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In America ...

- Boys have a 64% chance of making it to the Middle Class
- African Americans have a 34% chance of making it to the Middle Class
- People in the top income bracket have a 75% chance of making it to the Middle Class
- Having basic reading and math skills in middle childhood is an important benchmark for adult success

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I am ...

- A 15 year old girl
- White and an American Citizen
- Born to a unmarried mother
- Living in a bottom income bracket
- Doing well in school but just discovered that I am pregnant
- Living in North Charlotte

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In America ...

- Girls have a 57% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- Whites have a 68% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- People in a bottom income bracket have a 40% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- Not becoming a parent during adolescence is an important benchmark for adult success

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I am...

- A 4 year old boy
- Vietnamese and an American Citizen
- Born to a married mother who is not a native English speaker
- Living in a bottom income bracket
- Attending a pre-kindergarten program and performing well
- Living in Charlotte, on the Eastside

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In America...

- Boys have a 64% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- People in the bottom family income bracket have a 40% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- School-appropriate behavior in early childhood is an important benchmark for adult success

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I am...

- A 13 year old boy
- Native American and an American Citizen
- Born to a married mother
- Living in the bottom income bracket
- A victim of bullying based on my sexual orientation
- Living in South Charlotte

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In America...

- Boys have a 64% chance of making it into the Middle Class
- People in the bottom income bracket have a 40% chance of making it to the Middle Class
- Studies show LGBT students are more apt to skip school due to fear, threats, and property vandalism directed at them.
- Gay students drop out of school at a rate three times the national average for heterosexual students.

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