

Missouri Ozarks Community Action Agency

Poverty Simulation

Could you feed and clothe your family on \$234.00 a month?!



The Poverty Simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to try and survive on the income of a person living in poverty from month to month.

It is a simulation, not a game.

In the simulation 20-72 participants assume the roles of up to 26 different families facing poverty.

The task of the "families" is to provide for basic necessities and shelter during the course of four 15 minute "weeks".

The experience lasts from two to three hours. It includes an introduction and briefing, the actual simulation exercise and a debriefing period in which participants and volunteer staffers (preferably low income members) share their feelings and experiences and talk about what they have learned about the lives of people living in poverty.

This simulation is available upon request to High School Students, Faculty Members, For profit business, Non-profit organizations, Community Leaders, Churches, Hospitals or those who work with the public on a daily basis. This simulation is free of charge and is funded through our Community Service Block Grant.

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