



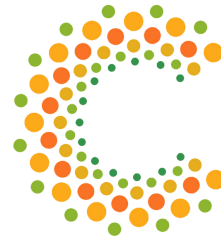
POVERTY SIMULATION©



A transformative experience



The Community Action Poverty Simulation© was
developed by the
Missouri Community Action Network



CENTER OF COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AT GREENBUSH

Trained facilitators with the Center of Community Supports at Greenbush will work with you to host a Poverty Simulation© in your community.

Our facilitators will help you identify at least 55 individuals to serve as volunteers and participants for a three-hour simulation.

Questions?

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Experience Living in Poverty

The Poverty Simulation® promotes a greater understanding of poverty. During the simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self sufficiency on Social Security.

Why participate?

► Build Empathy

Walking in the shoes of someone living in poverty offers a powerful perspective shift. Through this immersive experience, you'll have the opportunity to see life from a different angle, fostering empathy and compassion.

► Gain Insight

Understanding the daily challenges of poverty, from finding affordable housing to putting food on the table, can be eye-opening. The simulation provides valuable insights into the systemic issues that perpetuate poverty.

► Raise Awareness:

By participating in this simulation, you become a voice for the voiceless. Your newfound understanding can help raise awareness about the issues and challenges faced by people who experience the challenges of poverty.



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How the Poverty Simulation® Works

The Community Action Poverty Simulation® shatters stereotypes by immersing participants in the real-life narratives of those facing poverty. Poverty is often portrayed as a stand alone issue - but this simulation allows individuals to walk in the shoes of someone who is facing poverty and realize how complex and interconnected issues of poverty really are.

Participants take on the identity of one of 26 different families to live for a month in poverty. Local volunteers play the roles of community service providers and businesses to help facilitate the experience.

Following the simulation, individuals have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with peers. Time to reflect and share gives participants a chance to rethink the daunting challenges low-income individuals must face every day.

More importantly, this tool helps people identify areas of change that can directly impact the effects of poverty on individuals, families and communities

“The simulation didn't end with the opportunity to increase our understanding of poverty. Thanks to your efforts, we were able to unpack our learning and engage in meaningful discussions to brainstorm ways in which we can drive positive change in our community.”

-Dr. Mark L. Raney Sr.
Parsons Police Department