

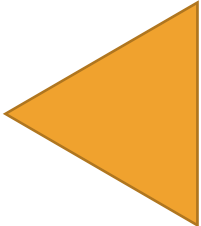


School of Social Work Annual Poverty Simulation



When: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
 Location: University of Missouri-
 Memorial Union
 Stotler Lounge
 Time: TBD
 Registration Time: TBD
 Participants: Professional BSW & MSW
 Students

Needs: Faculty & Staff Volunteers



Understanding the day-to-day reality of poverty is important for everyone involved in fighting poverty—policymakers, service providers ... anyone who wants to help.

The poverty simulation is a unique tool that helps people begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress.

During the simulation, participants role play the lives of low-income families, including single parents, people with disabilities, and senior citizens on Social Security. The task of each family is to provide for food, shelter and other basic necessities during four, 15 minute “weeks”. Families interact with community resources and try to meet their needs and care for their families.

Although, it uses “play” money, fictional scenarios and time limits, the simulation is not a game. It enables participants to view poverty from different angles and then to discuss the potential for change with local communities. It’s designed to sensitize those who frequently deal with low-income families and to create a broader awareness and understanding of the lives of families in poverty.