

MISSOURI'S Community Action Poverty Simulation

STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

TEACHER

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

- 2 Teacher Instruction Sheets
- 2 Name Tags
- 1 Transparency Marker
- 36 School Supply Requests
- 20 School Opportunity/Challenge cards
- Blank paper
- 30 Pencils
- \$20 Cash
- 6 Work Permits and Application Forms
- Quiz for Week 1
- Quiz for Week 2
- Answer Sheet for Week 1
- Timer
- "CLOSED" Sign

TIME FRAME

This simulation is divided into four 15-minute "weeks" representing one "month" in the life of a low-income family.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. You have the following tasks:
 - Run a quiet, orderly classroom/school
 - Give out Poverty Quizzes
 - Send home notes asking for money for supplies, field trips, etc.
 - Collect the money
 - Hand out School Opportunity/Challenge cards
2. You have too many students in your classroom and not enough supplies. You have too many tasks to take care of and there is no money for a teacher's aide, although you may have help in large simulations.
4. You will be asked to report on your experiences with the students and families at the end of the simulation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Transportation Passes

- a. **There are no transportation passes needed to attend school**

2. Timing

Each school week lasts 8 minutes. When the whistle blows, set the timer for 8 minutes and release the children at the end of the 8 minutes.

3. During the first and second weeks of school

- a. Distribute a poverty worksheet each week.
- b. Hand out School Opportunity/Challenge Cards to a few students.
- c. Hand out Supply Requests to all students.

4. Work Permits for Students

If a student requests a work permit, you may give them a work permit application. The parent, the employer, and you as the teacher must fill out the application. If approved, the student may start work next month.

5. There is no school the 3rd week of the simulation.

You need to go to the Faith Based Organization and work there during the third week of the simulation. School will resume again the 4th week.

6. During the 4th Week of School

Discuss the poverty quizzes that were passed out.

