

MISSOURI'S Community Action Poverty Simulation

STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES PERSON (OPTIONAL)

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

- 1 Illegal Activity Instruction Sheet
- \$200 (\$5, \$10, \$20)
- 1 wallet
- 10 sugar packets (represents drugs)
- 1 gun

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 one task – perform or encourage various illegal activities in the community, such as robberies, selling drugs or EBT cards, or other actions.
2. If the police come by, always disappear!
3. If a person has a Drug Prevention School Opportunity/Challenge card, he/she is always to be left alone.
4. You will be asked to report on your experience with the families and the police during the debriefing period at the end of the simulation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Illegally buying and selling

- a. EBT cards
- b. Drugs

2. Robbery

- a. Breaking into homes and stealing
- b. Breaking into businesses and stealing
- c. Robbing people on the street
- d. EBT account theft – you may offer to "help" someone by taking their EBT card and doing their shopping, then either disappear with the card or misuse the benefits for your own purposes.

3. Creating "job opportunities"

Offer people, especially children, money in exchange for delivering packages containing drugs or stolen goods to the pawnshop. Pick out loners, particularly teenagers, to do these jobs.