



## Poverty Simulation Experience

The Poverty Simulation is a unique tool that raises awareness about the struggles people living in poverty face. The experience benefits everyone, from policy makers to local community leaders. Participants role play different families encountering the day-to-day realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. Roles range from single parents caring for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security. Each family's task is to provide food, shelter, and other basic necessities while navigating complex systems low-income families interact with daily. This experience develops a multi-dimensional understanding of poverty through experiential learning.

**Objective:** The Learner will be able to:

- Cultivate empathy, respect, and passion for those living below the poverty line
- Develop a deeper understanding of the systemic barriers faced by people living in poverty
- Expand awareness of the impact of poverty on your service population
- Brainstorm ways to mitigate challenges in resource/service access for your service population
- Identify actionable steps to make an impactful change in your community

To learn more about hosting a Poverty Simulation in your area, please contact [training@scthrive.org](mailto:training@scthrive.org) or call 800.726.8774.

