



# ILLINOIS VALLEY POVERTY SIMULATION

A Community Experience and Call to Action

February 23, 2017



**WHEN:** February 23, 2017  
9am - 12pm

**WHERE:** Gillespie Civic Center  
115 N. Macoupin St., Gillespie, IL

*Refreshments & Lunch Provided*

## *What's it like living in poverty?"*

*I scramble around to pay utilities and buy food for my children. I want to be at a place in my life where I don't ask for assistance but I am able to help myself. "* *-IVEDC Client-*

## **What is a Poverty Simulation?**

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families but unless you have direct experience, it's difficult to truly understand. This simulation is an interactive and immersive opportunity that bridges the gaps of misconception to understanding.

## **Who is Sponsoring this Event?**

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corp. is hosting this FREE event with facilitation provided by Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies.

## **How Do I Get Involved?**

**Register by February 16** to Kathy Sarginson:  
[ksarginson@ilvalley-edc.org](mailto:ksarginson@ilvalley-edc.org) or (217) 839-4431 x 219.

Other Questions? Call Stephanie Stahlhut, CSBG Coordinator at (217) 839-4431 x 216.

## **Who Should Attend?**

- Community Leaders
- Policy Makers
- Education
- Health Care
- Social Services
- Housing Authorities
- Business Owners
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Judicial
- Emergency Services
- Civic Organizations
- Transportation
- Community Members