



GROW SOUTH DAKOTA POVERTY SIMULATION JUNE 13, 2019

Could you survive a month in poverty?

- *Some 45 million Americans live in poverty every day.*
- *In South Dakota, 115,000 people, including 38,000 children, live in poverty.*
- *In northeastern South Dakota, over 16,000 people—5,500 children—live below the poverty line.*

Many more have incomes above the poverty line, but still low enough to qualify for programs like Food Stamps and Medicaid.

It is difficult for those of us who have enough to truly understand the situations that families living in poverty experience every day – the decisions they have to make, and the fears and frustrations they feel. That is why we are inviting you to walk a mile in the shoes of those facing poverty by participating in a poverty simulation.

The simulation provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The experience is divided into four 15-minute sessions, each of which represents one week in which you must provide for your family and maintain your home. As one participant commented, "This poverty simulation dramatically demonstrates how much time and energy many families have to give just to survive from day to day. It quickly dispels the myth 'that people would do fine if they would only go out and get a job!'" The simulation will begin at 1:00 p.m. With the sessions and discussion, we anticipate the program ending about 4:00 p.m.

The simulation will be held
**1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 in
Aberdeen** at the K.O. Lee Aberdeen
Public Library, 215 4th Avenue SE.
If interested, please RSVP by May 15 at

growsd_poverty_sim.eventbrite.com

We look forward to your participation.





GROW South Dakota is a nonprofit community action agency established in 1966 to address the needs of all South Dakotans, with a focus on low-income residents.

All community action agencies conduct needs assessments of their service areas on a regular basis in order to obtain data for planning purposes. We'd like your input.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDNEEDS>

Or capture the code:



Your input will help us serve South Dakotans.

Thank you!