

*St. Vincent***POVERTY****Experience**

Quik Cash

Quik Cash Currency Exchange Packet Contents:

- 1 Quick Cash Worker Instruction Sheet
- \$8,000 in food stamps
- 200 transportation passes
- \$6,000 in cash
- 1 name tag
- 1 pen/pencil
- 1 pad of paper
- 1 business and 1 closed sign

General Information – The Quik Cash Worker has four tasks:

- 1) Sell transportation passes
- 2) Redeem food stamps
- 3) Cash most of the checks
- 4) Pay any person who comes to you at the end of a pay period with an Employment Card and check.

You have a very important job because you are the only place where transportation passes and food stamps can be bought. The transportation passes represent public transportation, expenses for using a car, and/or time invested in walking (time is money). Someone may come to you with an Employment Card indicating that he/she is now working and needing to be paid. Pay them. Remember to guard your money, passes, and food stamps. You could become a target for robbery. Call on the police officer if you have any problems. If you think someone might not count his/her money, you may decide to try cheating them. If you run out of food stamps, money or transportation passes, ask the director to bring you more. You will be asked to report on your experience with the families during the debriefing period at the end of the simulation.

Responsibilities:

- 1) Transportation passes – collect a transportation pass for each person who comes to the Quik Cash (Currency Exchange) Office, including children. If the customer has no ticket, you may charge \$4 for this visit in place of the pass. Only do this one time per customer. If someone comes without a ticket a second time, refuse to serve him/her. If they are insistent, you can “give in for the right price” of about \$10.
- 2) Selling Transportation Passes – There are NO special rates for children or senior citizens, and there are NO weekly passes. Always suggest they buy a supply. If someone asks for a “Monthly Pass,” collect \$70, write “monthly” on a ticket, mark through the words “one trip,” and give the “Monthly Pass” to the purchaser. Sell the Monthly Pass only to someone who asks for it. This is your secret!!!
- 3) Redeeming Food Stamps – Ask for the ID Card and the Authorization To Participate (ATP) Card. Count out food stamps and return the Food Stamp ID Card. Keep the ATP Card.
- 4) Cashing Checks – If a family comes to you with either an AFDC check or a paycheck, inform them that you charge 1 percent for every \$100 or fraction thereof. (For example, you take \$3 for yourself out of a check for \$274.) At times you may decide to charge a higher percent when cashing certain checks since some check cashing places charge as much as 10%.
- 5) Employment Card and Check – Pay person the amount shown on the check. You must see the Employment Card before cashing the check. Charge your usual rate.



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