

St. Vincent

POVERTY Experience

Grocer

Grocer Packet Contents:

- 1 Grocer Instruction Sheet
- 1 Grocer Purchase Record Form
- 18 Health and Nutrition Alert Cards
- \$400 in Food Stamps
- \$600 in Cash
- 1 name tag
- 1 pen/pencil
- 1 receipt book
- 1 business and 1 closed sign

General Information – The Grocer has two tasks:

- 1) “Selling” groceries.
- 2) Distributing “warning” slips.

At the beginning of the simulation, participants are instructed to keep their families fed. Therefore, coming to the grocery store is one of the most important things the participants need to be doing during each week. The amount of money each family should be spending on food is listed on the Grocery Record Purchase Form in your packet. Keep track of what each family spends for food on that sheet. Be very careful of your money. The grocery store is one of the prime targets for robbery. If you are robbed, call the police over immediately and identify to him/her the person who robbed you. Then close the grocery store for five minutes to take “inventory” after the robbery. You may also close the store for five minutes to take a vacation. 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 (including children) who comes to your office. If a person has no pass, send him/her to Quik Cash to purchase.
- 2) Food Stamp Rules – Remind your customers that no paper products, soap, etc. can be purchased with food stamps.
- 3) Grocery Store Rules – Accept payment for food in cash for food stamps only. Do not change the ATP (Authorization to Participate) card into food stamps; participants must go to the Quik Cash (Currency Exchange) Office to do that. Check the Grocery purchase Record Form to see how much the family should be spending per week on groceries. If they aren’t spending the full amount, remind them what they should be spending. Mark the amount of the purchased food on the Grocery Purchase Record Form and label; “\$” for cash or “FS” for food stamps. Give out a receipt for groceries only if the customer remembers to request one. A receipt is the only proof of feeding the family.
- 4) Vouchers – Customers may come to the grocer with a food “voucher” from the food pantry. Vouchers are to be used to buy food only. Mark the amount of the voucher on the Grocery Purchase Record Form and label “V” for voucher.

- 5) “Luck ‘O the Draw” cards – These cards may also be used for gifts of food. Mark the amount on the Grocery Purchase Record Form and label it “LD” for Luck ‘O the Draw.”
- 6) In the Third Week – Send a “Health and Nutrition Form” to each family that is buying less food than their Grocery Purchase Record Form states. Close your store briefly to deliver them or hire a teen-ager to deliver them for you.

Grocery Purchase Record

Family	Needs each week	week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4
ABER (4)	\$200				
BOLING (4)	\$200				
CHEN (4)	\$200				
DUNTLEY (3)	\$150				
EPPERMAN (3)	\$150				
FUENTES (3)	\$150				
GONZALEZ (3)	\$150				
HANLOW (3)	\$150				
ISMA (3)	\$150				
JOLLY (3)	\$150				
KAMINSKI (3)	\$150				
LOUIS (3)	\$150				
MORRIS (4)	\$220				
NATTIN (4)	\$220				
OLSON (4)	\$220				
PEREZ (4)	\$220				
QUANT (4)	\$220				
ROGERS (4)	\$220				
SMITH (1)	\$60				
TISKIT (1)	\$60				
USSAR (1)	\$60				
VIMMER (1)	\$60				
WISCOTT (2)	\$80				
XANTHOS (2)	\$80				
YARROW (2)	\$80				
ZUPPOT (2)	\$80				

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