

St. Vincent

POVERTY

Experience

Legal Assistance Worker

Legal Assistance Worker Packet Contents:

- 1 Legal Assistance Worker Instruction Sheet
- 6 Emergency Relief Cards
- 12 Subpoena Cards
- 1 name tag
- 1 pad of paper
- 1 pen/pencil
- 1 business and one closed sign

General Information – The Legal Assistance Worker has three tasks:

- 1) Represent persons picked up for robbery
- 2) Return families to homes after an illegal eviction
- 3) Represent family whose children have been taken into protective custody because of child neglect

The Legal Assistance Worker may respond to other legal problems which may arise. This is a technical position. It is best filled by someone with experience. If you don't "have business" you can walk around looking for people you think appear to be in trouble. Offer them your services. You will be asked to report on your experiences 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 your office, including children. If the person has no pass, send him/her to the Quik Cash (Currency Exchange) Office to purchase some.
- 2) Represent suspect and set bail – The police may contact you to represent a suspect who has been arrested for either robbery or some other crime. The police do not need a transportation pass to come to your office. You will set bail so the suspect can be released from jail. When you are setting bail consider how likely it is that the person might jump bail. The person's family is responsible for coming up with bail money. Bail is paid to the police.
- 3) Return family to home after illegal eviction – Ask the family how long ago the eviction happened. If the family comes to you immediately upon being evicted, listen to their story. Then leave briefly to obtain a subpoena. Then contact the police to accompany you and the family to their home and return them by turning chairs right side up. If the family comes to you sometime after being evicted, listen to their story. Then leave briefly and return with an injunction for Emergency Relief. Advise the family to sue for damages against their property. Help the family prepare a list and the fair market value of all property lost because they were locked out of their home. Have police serve the landlord with a subpoena.
- 4) Represent families charged with child neglect – Go with the client to "Juvenile Hall." This is located with the Police. The child will be released to the parents.
- 5) Keep a record – Keep a record of all your activities with the families.

Emergency Relief Cards- Photocopy on Blue Paper

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Subpoena - Photocopy on Blue Paper

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Judge

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