

**YOUTH SERVICES NETWORK/CHILD & FAMILY
CONNECTIONS #1, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION
& ILLINOIS EARLY INTERVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM
INVITE YOU TO**

UNDERSTANDING POVERTY AND DISABILITIES TOGETHER



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**November 14, 2024
9:00am - 2:30pm**



**Boone Community
Building Complex
111 W 1st St.
Belvidere, IL 61008**



Cost \$20.00



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Poverty Simulation and Reflection

It's challenging to fully grasp the daily struggles of families living in poverty—the tough decisions they face, and the fears and frustrations they endure. Add to that the additional stress of caring for a child with developmental delays or disabilities, and you begin to understand the profound impact poverty can have on a family. That's why we invite you to experience a glimpse into their world by participating in the Community Action Poverty Simulation.

Questions? Contact Dee Dee Lowery at dlowery@ysnkids.com

Objectives

1. Participants will develop an understanding of the daily experiences and challenges that families living in poverty face.
2. Participants will leave the training with a deeper empathy for individuals facing the dual challenges of poverty and disability.
3. Participants will have a better understanding of the systemic issues involved.
4. Participants will learn how self-reflective work can enhance their ability to connect with families with disabilities.

Facilitator: University of Illinois Extension

Part I – Community Action Poverty Simulation: licensed by the Missouri Community Action Network, this event allows participants to get a sense of the stresses experienced by low-income family members managing limited budgets. The exercise begins with an informative session about individuals and families living at or near the poverty line. This simulation vividly illustrates the significant time and energy these families must expend simply to survive each day. The activity concludes with a guided discussion, providing an opportunity for participants to reflect on their reactions, emotions, and insights gained from the experience.

Facilitator: Benton Johnson, U of IL EITP

Part II – The Intersection of Poverty and Disability: Insights and Reflective Practices. This training session aims to offer participants a thorough understanding of the intersection of poverty and disability. It will delve into the unique challenges faced by individuals with disabilities living in poverty, including mental health issues and barriers to accessing essential services. This session will incorporate reflective practices that build on the insights gained from the morning's poverty simulation.

Agenda

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:30 Part I - Poverty Simulation

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Guided Discussion and reflection on participants reactions and emotions.

12:00-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:30 Part II - The Intersection of Poverty and Disability; Insights and Reflective Practices

IL Early Intervention credit: 4.75 Working with Families

4.75 IDPR Licensure CEs; OT, PT, SLP, Social Work, Nutrition Dietician, LCPC



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