

Poverty Simulation

February 7, 2024

Community Action of Southeast Iowa partners with Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) and Lee County Building Bridges Initiative. We hosted a Poverty Simulation for the Fort Madison Community School District on February 7, 2024.

There were 72 teachers that participated with overwhelmingly positive feedback. On the post assessment: 50% of participants (28) stated they had never personally experienced poverty and 100% (65 participants) said they learned at least one thing they can do to help someone in poverty as a result of the simulation.

Planning Director Rachel Albrecht and CPPC Coordinator Arin Jones co-facilitated the training. There were seven Community Action Family Development Specialists and five low-income volunteers assisting in the simulation that were coordinated by Building Bridges Program Director Shayla Blackburn.

You can learn more about this training and see pictures from it here: <https://caofseia.org/poverty-simulation/>.

We plan to offer another simulation in Lee County yet this year with some funding to CPPC from the North Lee Community Foundation.

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