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## Professional Development Training for Practitioners

For teachers, social workers, healthcare providers and other social service professionals that work with individuals and families living in poverty. [CEUs Available Ask for Details](#)

The **Cost of Poverty Experience™** (COPE) is an immersive learning experience that gives participants an opportunity to experience poverty firsthand through the eyes of real families who live in it. Participants will walk away with a deeper understanding of poverty, especially those who have never lived in it or understood its impact on families and communities.

Poverty affects an estimated 46 million Americans – with 22% of them being under the age of 18. 87% of those who experience COPE report a change in their understanding of poverty and their assumptions about people who live in poverty.

\*We offer an optional consulting engagement for organizations to support the implementation of COPE learning. We will work with your team to assure that training addresses the learning goals specific to your staff.

[Contact us for details](#)

**What is COPE?**

**Why COPE?**

**Questions?**

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## Cost of Poverty for Professional Development

9:00 am

**Participant Check-In**

**Pre-Test Survey**

9:30 am

**Simulation Begins**

**Orientation / Instructions / Simulation**

**Simulation Debrief**

11:30 am

**Simulation Ends**

\*11:30 am

**\*Optional Extended Debrief**

**Working Lunch**

**Processing Learning for Application**

\*1:00 pm

**Training Ends**

## \*Strategic Implementation (Optional)

**Application / Integration of Learning**

**Assessments of Programming & Services.  
Strategic Recommendations for *Application***

**Phase 1**

**Phase 2**

***Targeted Training* for Sr. Leadership, Direct  
Service Staff & Administrative Staff**

**Phase 3**

**Strategic Planning for *Integration* of COPE  
learning into Program & Service Development**