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Cumberland County Hosts Poverty Simulation Exercise

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania– Today various representatives from Cumberland County Government along with officials from other local stakeholders will participate in a closed poverty simulation exercise conducted by Tri County Community Action. The Poverty Simulation is a unique tool that agencies are able to use to educate everyone, from policy makers to local community leaders, about the day to day realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress.

During the simulation, approximately 60 participants will role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security. The task of each family is to provide food, shelter and other basic necessities during the simulation while interacting with various community resources staffed by low-income volunteers.

The exercise is designed to help address poverty in communities with training related to budgeting, home ownership, parenting, and financial literacy education. The participants can then take these learning tools back and use them in their respective agencies to enhance services for families in crisis. Collectively, these agencies participating strengthen communities by providing valuable resources that empower families facing crisis situations to become self-sufficient.

For more information on Cumberland County Government and human services programs available in Cumberland and Perry Counties, please visit www.ccpa.net. For more information about the Tri County Community Action and Poverty Simulations visit www.cactricounty.org, or contact Kathy Possinger, Executive Director at (717) 232-9757 x 103.

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