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CCHD Poverty Scenarios
Scenario 4

Directions: In this activity, you will receive a scenario based on a real problem confronted by people living in poverty. Your group needs to come up with two solutions to this situation. One solution has to be based on "charitable works." How can you meet the immediate needs of individuals or families? The other solution needs to be based on "social justice." How can we help to correct the problem in the community in the long term?

Like many cities with populations of less than 100,000 inhabitants, several hundred residents in Lawrence, Kansas, are homeless at any given time during the year. Many families are impacted by homelessness, with a 2007 survey revealing that over half the 373 homeless persons counted in the survey were from families with children under 18.

A man named Florid is one member of Lawrence's homeless population who has been living at Lawrence Community Shelter for two and a half months. Although he is married, he lives in a shelter away from his family, who he says left him because he could not find or maintain a job. The fact that Florid suffers from a mental illness has made his situation even harder to overcome.

What would you do to help address this situation?

Charitable Works:

Social Justice: