

# POVERTY SIMULATION

## PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT

On February 16, 2015, Kenosha County UW-Extension partnered with the United Way of Kenosha County to conduct a Poverty Simulation at Wheatland Center School. A total of 60 participants and 24 volunteers from Wheatland Center School and Lakewood Elementary School engaged in the 3-hour activity, which is designed to increase understanding of some of the challenges that low-income individuals and families face on a daily basis.

On average,  
participants rated the  
poverty simulation

**8.4**

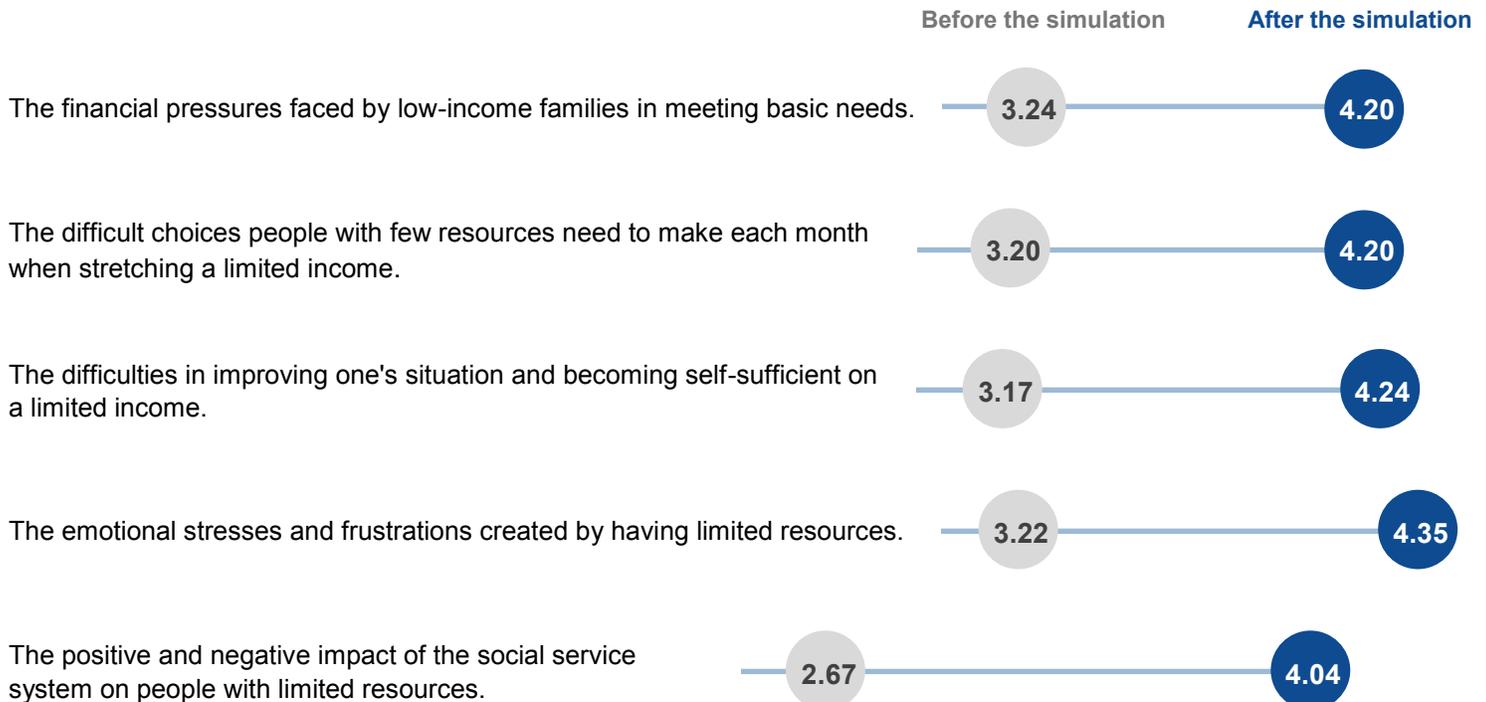
on a 10-point scale

"The simulation gave me a better understanding of how easy it is to get behind if you have just a few turns of bad luck and how difficult it is to recover once you're in a dire situation if you don't have many resources at your disposal.

I think just this slightly better sense of understanding will help me show a bit more compassion toward low-income populations in my work life and my personal life."

"I really enjoyed the experience and feel it gave me a better understanding of the daily pressures and frustrations for low-income families. I went home and talked about my experience with my husband, friends, and parents. It really made an impact on me."

## PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDING OF CHALLENGES FACED BY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS



Based on a 5-point scale

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