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BUCKS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL**

# **DISASTER RECOVERY CHALLENGE:**

## **A POVERTY SIMULATION**

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**WHEN:** Monday, April 29, 2019, 9am-12pm

**WHERE:** Norristown State Hospital  
Building 33 Multipurpose room  
[Campus map](#) & [Map to building](#)

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:**

Emergency managers, VOAD & Community Partners

5.1 million people across the Commonwealth live below or just above the poverty line. As a result, a significant number of households may be more vulnerable during emergencies and disasters due to limited personal resources.

In this simulation, participants will experience obstacles that impact low income community members on a daily basis, and that are exacerbated during disaster recovery. A hands on exploration of how households prioritize needed services and resources is embedded into the scenario.

Following the simulation, participants will discuss the implications for disaster response and recovery. Participants will gain an understanding of how to more inclusively and effectively deliver recovery services and programs to low income populations at Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) or similar locations.

Learning objectives:

1. Understand the challenges individuals living in poverty may face on blue sky days and gain awareness of wrap-around services and agencies that provide them.
2. Identify three ways to make disaster recovery services more inclusive of low income populations.
3. Describe the role of poverty in pre-disaster community functioning and community resiliency.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 22.**  
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