

# The Poverty Simulation



PRESENTED BY

**Kim Barker-Kay & Sandra Ciurysek**



SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
October 22, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM



LOCATION

**Sagitawa Friendship Society - 9702 98 St**

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The United Way Poverty Simulation is a unique and powerful experience which is aimed to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people. The simulation replicates a month in the life of a family living in poverty. The ultimate mission of each of these families is to provide food, shelter and other basic needs with a limited income. Participants experience a full range of encounters, obstacles and challenges, while volunteers populate the simulation as business owners, teachers, police officers, agency workers, service providers and government employees. The simulation includes an introduction, the actual simulation exercise, and a debriefing period in which participants and volunteer staffers share their feelings and experiences and talk about what they have learned about the lives of people in poverty.

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## Presenters

**Kim Barker-Kay**

Kim Barker-Kay is currently a consultant with the Northwest Regional Learning Consortium. Previously, Kim was a teacher, principal, and researcher in northern Alberta. Her work and research evolved into a focus on building educational equity. She spent many years involved in diversity leadership training with the National Coalition Building Institute. Additionally, Kim had the unique experience as the protege of a Cree Elder for ten years. As a principal, Kim was able to put all she learned into practice with favorable results in student achievement. She learned first hand the complexities involved in building educational equity which have led her to her current journeys with infusing Indigenous knowledge into new curriculum, as well as doing a deeper exploration into decolonization and anti-racism work.

### **Sandra Ciurysek**

Sandra Ciurysek is a long-time resident of the Peace Country and lives in Berwyn, Alberta. She holds a Master's Degree in Education from University of Lethbridge, with a speciality in adult learning/teacher professional development, and a Bachelor's of Education Degree from the University of Alberta. Sandra has an experienced background in K-12 education and was a teacher and school administrator before joining the Northwest Regional Learning Consortium as Executive Director. Sandra has been with the ARPDC for over 5 years and is an advocate for lifelong learning.

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