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Lesson 1: Putting a Face on Poverty
Participant Handout 1A
Poverty Quiz

Directions: Answer the following questions by circling the correct response.

1. TRUE or FALSE: If all the poor in the United States lived in the same state, it would be the largest state in the nation – the state of “Poverty, USA.”
2. TRUE or FALSE: The number of people living in poverty in the United States decreased from 2009 to 2010.
3. TRUE or FALSE: Most Americans could get out of poverty if they only had a job.
4. TRUE or FALSE: One of every five children in America lives in poverty.
5. TRUE or FALSE: Adults who have regular work, but remain poor – the “working poor” in America – are growing even poorer.
6. TRUE or FALSE: The government says that a family of four is poor if it earns at least \$25,000 annually.
7. TRUE or FALSE: The federal minimum wage is now \$7.25 per hour.
8. TRUE or FALSE: In a 36 month period almost one out of every three Americans lives in poverty at least two months.
9. TRUE or FALSE: The majority of people living in poverty are white.
10. TRUE or FALSE: While the number of people in poverty is increasing, the number of people in extreme poverty is decreasing.
11. TRUE or FALSE: Children of single mothers are more likely to experience poverty than the children of married-couple families.
12. TRUE or FALSE: More than one quarter of people in households with annual incomes of less than \$25,000 had no health insurance in 2010.