

The RMRW Simulation:

The Real Money. Real World simulation works best in a large room such as a cafeteria or gymnasium, or possibly a library, where there is a lot of room for the youth to move around. OSU Extension, Franklin County personnel bring professional display boards to the event (see stations below). Please have chairs at each table on the outer area for volunteers. We can provide a sample layout that uses six-foot tables (suggested size if available).

In the beginning, it is best to have two volunteers at housing and childcare because youth should take care of needs vs. their wants first. As the crowd diminishes at the table, one of the volunteers can move to another area.

It is also ideal to have two volunteers at financial advice. Some stations such as chance and entertainment can be combined and operated by one volunteer if there is a shortage of volunteers.

The OSU Extension, Franklin County coordinator will maintain the finish line station. It is suggested you offer bottled water to the volunteers, as well as a continental breakfast and/or lunch if offering an all-day program.

Simulation Stations

- Housing
- Childcare
- Food
- Chance
- Insurance
- Credit/College Loans
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Contributions
- Clothing
- Entertainment
- Financial Advice
- Finish Line



To schedule Real Money. Real World., contact Stacie Burbage, Program Coordinator at burbage.1@osu.edu or 614-292-6279.

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What is Real Money. Real World.?

Real Money. Real World. (RMRW) is an active, hands-on experience intended for students in grades 6 -12. RMRW puts students in the role of a sole income adult who must make lifestyle and budget choices based on their assigned monthly salary and number of children they're raising.

The program consists of four, forty-five-minute classroom lessons (taught by you, curriculum provided), simulation (scheduled by the RMRW coordinator in your county), and post-simulation reflection.

Lessons:

- How Occupation Affects Income
- Deductions – What You Is Not What You Get
- How to Use Checking and Savings Accounts
- Making Choices: Preparing for the Simulation

RMRW is an OSU Extension Signature Program designed by Ohio State University Extension personnel at the state level. RMRW is facilitated by OSU Extension personnel at the county level. The program you are requesting is coordinated by OSU Extension, Franklin County personnel.

The RMRW simulation is offered at no cost to you. However; you will need to complete the steps listed on the next page in order to have a RMRW event.



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Bring Real Money. Real World. to You

1. Contact Stacie Burbage at OSU Extension, Franklin County to request the curriculum and schedule your simulation.
2. Schedule time to teach four, forty-five-minute RMRW sessions using the provided curriculum to the youth in your program. These should be taught a few days or more prior to the simulation event. There is also a follow up lesson after the simulation.
3. Complete and return a statistical form prior to your event.
4. Ask each youth participant to bring a calculator and pencil to the simulation event.
5. Recruit at least 12 volunteers. We can assist you in recruiting volunteers, if needed.

Additional Things to Note:

- Just prior to the RMRW simulation event at your location, the Franklin County Extension coordinator will conduct brief orientations with your volunteers and with your students.
- Following the simulation, students will need to complete an evaluation form, which can be found in the teacher materials. They can do this in their classrooms. All evaluation forms must be returned to Stacie Burbage at the OSU Extension Franklin County office. Results are tallied on a statewide basis.
- Educators must stay with their students and should plan on handling any discipline problems that arise, as OSU Extension personnel are not able to do so.
- The program can be used with 7th graders, but sometimes the math can be a little difficult for them. Adult or teen mentors can be useful for these youth during the classroom process.
- Quite a few youth can go through a station in a 45-to-50-minute period.
- Please discuss options with Franklin County Extension personnel.
- Please rest assured that OSU Extension personnel have gone through a background check, and volunteers are supervised by OSU personnel.
- The RMRW simulation runs very smoothly. Studies show that youth impacted by the program gain significant knowledge. We are sure that you will be pleased with the program.