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BR. DAVID DARST CENTER
Frequently Asked Questions - Virtual Programs

The Br. David Darst Center is eager to continue justice education and faith formation through virtual programming. We've gathered a few frequently asked questions to help as you plan to collaborate with us for a facilitated social justice education program. Contact us for follow up!

What is the structure of your virtual programs?
We offer day-long programs with several breaks or 1-2 hour sessions over several weeks . We incorporate programming into classrooms, parish settings, or any established group or organization. Our programs thrive in a space of sustained community dialog and action rather than a one-time gathering.

What content do you cover in virtual programs?
Our focus areas include homelessness, food insecurity, incarceration, immigration, and education. We also have resources to facilitate deeper conversation and action on systemic injustices and root causes, such as racism, classism, and poverty. The arc of our programs match our deeply-held values: we honor human dignity, we build inclusive community through relationships, and we take action in solidarity and stewardship.

Who leads the programs?
The Darst Center staff has two trained facilitators to lead our programs over Zoom. Our skills are in facilitation of dialog, reflection, and action planning. We ourselves are not 'experts' in any particular area coming in to speak on a topic; however, we work to incorporate speakers from our Chicago-based partner agencies into our programs who speak from their on-the-ground insights and experiences.

How many people can participate in virtual programs?
We prioritize small group conversation to learn and grow (8-10 people), so the number of participants depends on the number of facilitators. The two Darst Center staff facilitators can collaborate with leaders for your organization to increase the number of small groups. We also have 2-3 additional facilitators on call who are former Darst Center staff members who can assist in facilitation.

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