



## PRAIRIE FAMILY CENTER

### Getting Ahead

Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World is a book and a 45-hour workshop that helps individuals in poverty build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

- New to Getting Ahead? Learn more about [launching a Getting Ahead initiative in your community](#).

Getting Ahead provides people in poverty with the same information found in *Bridges Out of Poverty*, which was developed for professionals and others in the community working to end poverty.

The Getting Ahead curriculum: Involves rigorous work done in a safe learning environment with the support of an experienced facilitator and co-facilitator.

- Enables participants, called "investigators," to *examine* their own experience of poverty as well as explore issues in the community that impact poverty – banking, housing, jobs, transportation – providing critical information the community can use to take action to end poverty.
- Guides investigators through an assessment of their own resources and how to build those resources as part of their move to self-sufficiency.
- Puts the concepts, tools, and relationships in the hands of people in poverty to make a difference in their own lives and in the life of their community.

We recently took the principles of Getting Ahead and created a *complete reentry* program for citizens returning from incarceration.

#### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"Thank you for an interactive and informative session!" "Wonderful opportunity to have dialogue about poverty—this is seriously lacking in our culture at large. Thank you."

"Excellent presentation—stories are very engaging!"