

Bridges Out of Poverty Santa Rosa County



One year CELEBRATION!!!

Getting Ahead
in a
Just-Gettin'-By World

Building
Your
Resources
for a
Better
Life



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Facilitator Notes
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Philip DeVol

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What's involved?

- Work groups of 10-15 people
- 15-20 sessions that are two and half hours long.
- Putting our knowledge into a series of mental models.
- A facilitator who helps us explore solutions; not someone to tell us what to do.
- Long term support for our plans.

What does a participant get?

What are the Getting Ahead Goals:

- to explore and analyze the themes of our lives;
- to assess our resources;
- to build our own future stories;
- to make our own choices;
- to enjoy the power that comes from solving problems and controlling our own life,
- to make concrete plans for economic stability;
- and to become skillful at using the hidden rules to class to build resources.

Resources

Financial

Emotional

Mental

Spiritual

Physical

Support System

Relationships

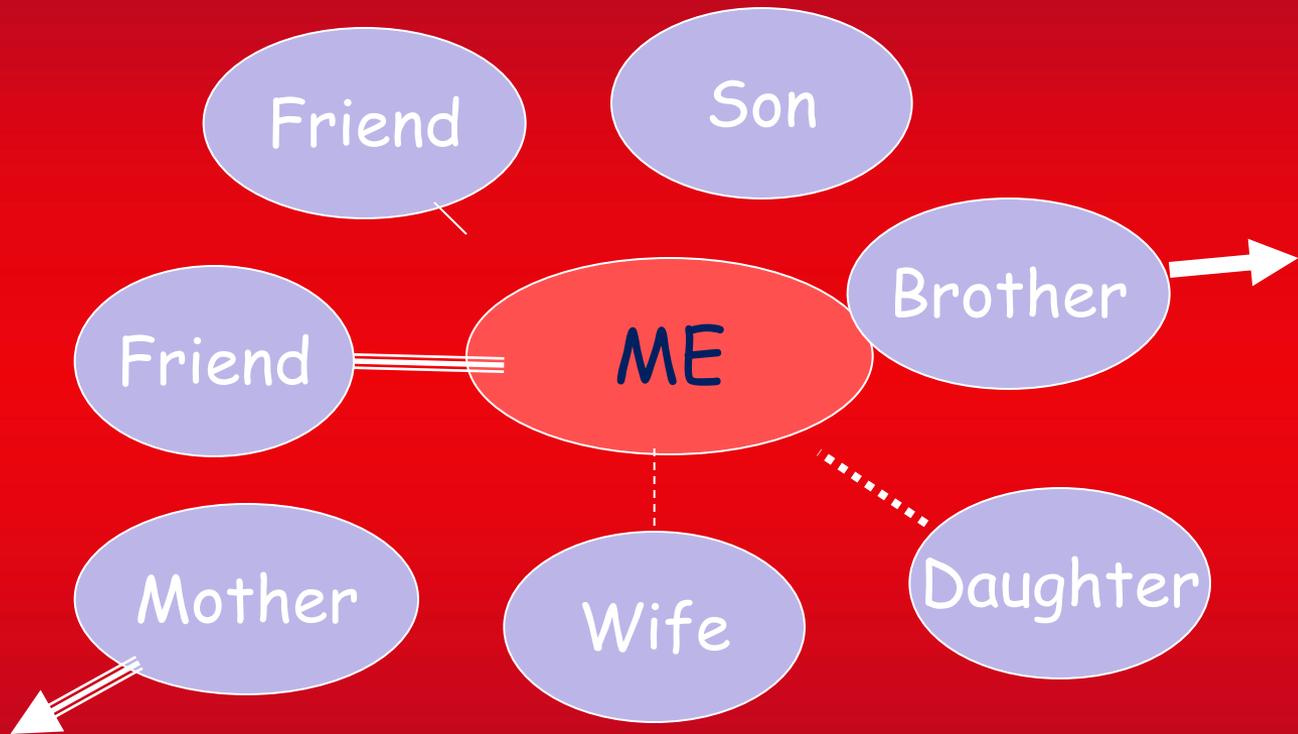
Hidden Rules

Integrity

Motivation

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Support for Change



Getting Ahead in Santa Rosa

- **Goals:**
- To conduct a minimum of 2 Getting Ahead Courses for 24 participants by June 2014.
- Assign an ally (mentor) to each Getting Ahead participant
- Graduate a minimum of 20 (83%) participants from Getting Ahead
- A minimum of 19 Getting Ahead Graduates will enroll in an educational program (GED, college, university or technical training) and/or become employed
- Local employers will become aware of the Getting Ahead course and participate and/or employ Getting Ahead Graduates
- Getting Ahead Graduates will serve as future facilitators and mentors for future Getting Ahead Participants

Getting Ahead in Santa Rosa

- **Funding:**
- Participant Books: \$19.50 per book x 24 = \$234.00
- Participant Stipends: \$24 participants x \$15/a session x 15 sessions = \$2,700 per course
- Total funds requested for two Getting Ahead Classes: **\$5,868.00**

Getting Ahead in Santa Rosa

- **Support:**
- Local churches or other organizations donate food for each session.
- Local churches or other organizations donate child care during Getting Ahead
- Local leaders volunteer to be a mentor to a graduate and meet on a monthly basis after graduation
- Local employers and colleges are aware of Getting Ahead Graduates and provide opportunities for education and employment.

Thank you!!!!

- The following groups for meals:
 - Bagdad United Methodist Church
 - Sodexo
 - Peggy Armstrong
 - Living Truth Church
 - Santa Rosa Sherriff's Department
 - Community Church of Christ
 - Raymond Sullivan
 - Santa Rosa Medical Center
 - Linda Gooch
 - ACE's Restaurant
 - Chick-Fil-A

Thank you!!

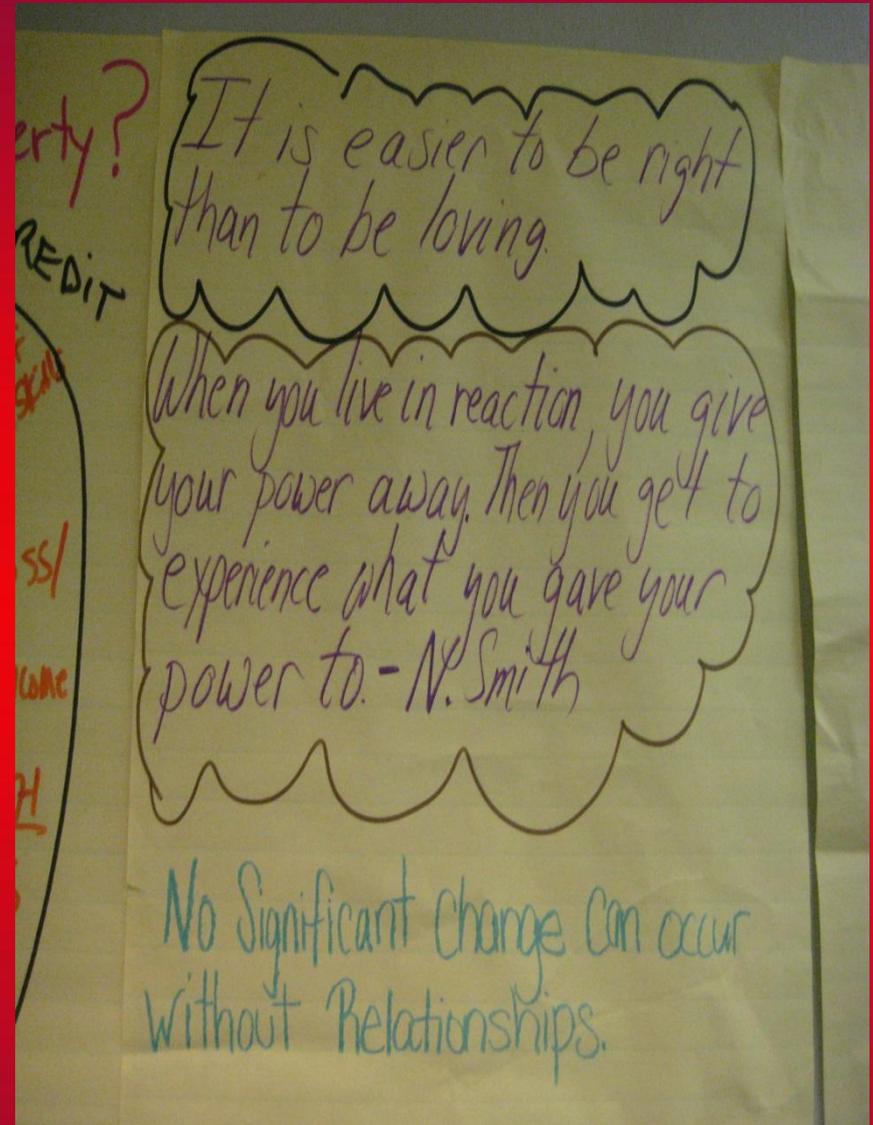
- The following for providing childcare:
 - Brenda Dwiggin
 - Chuck Dwiggin
 - Linda Gooch
 - Dawn Stone
 - Jared Stone
 - Seth Stone

Your worth is what you think of yourself.

It is easier to be right than be loving.

People in poverty need to change...but so does everyone else.

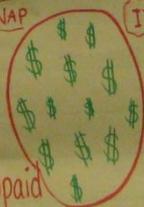
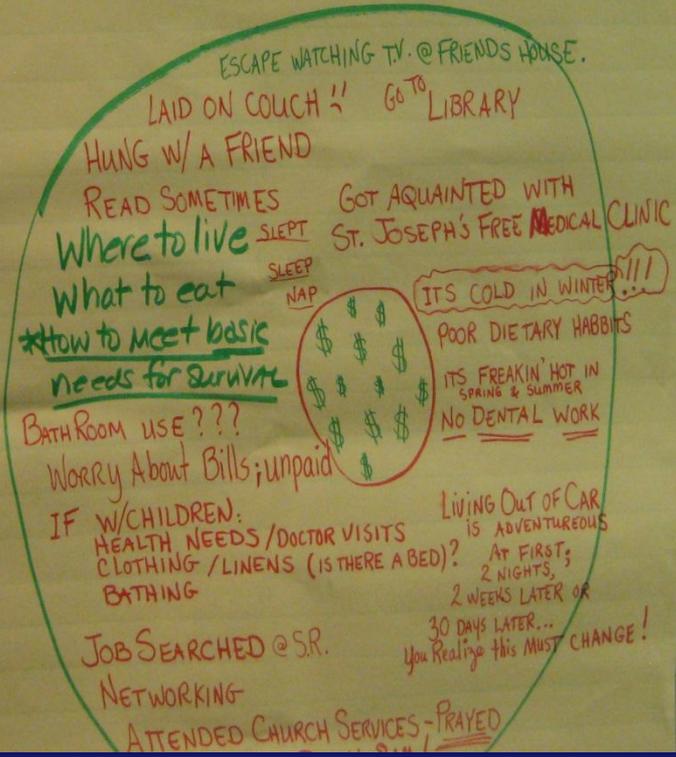
~ Getting Ahead
Investigator Summer 2013



Single Parent. W/O

MENTAL MODEL OF Poverty

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→ Stress
→ Jobs
→ Bills
→ Vehicle
→ Place to live
→ Time

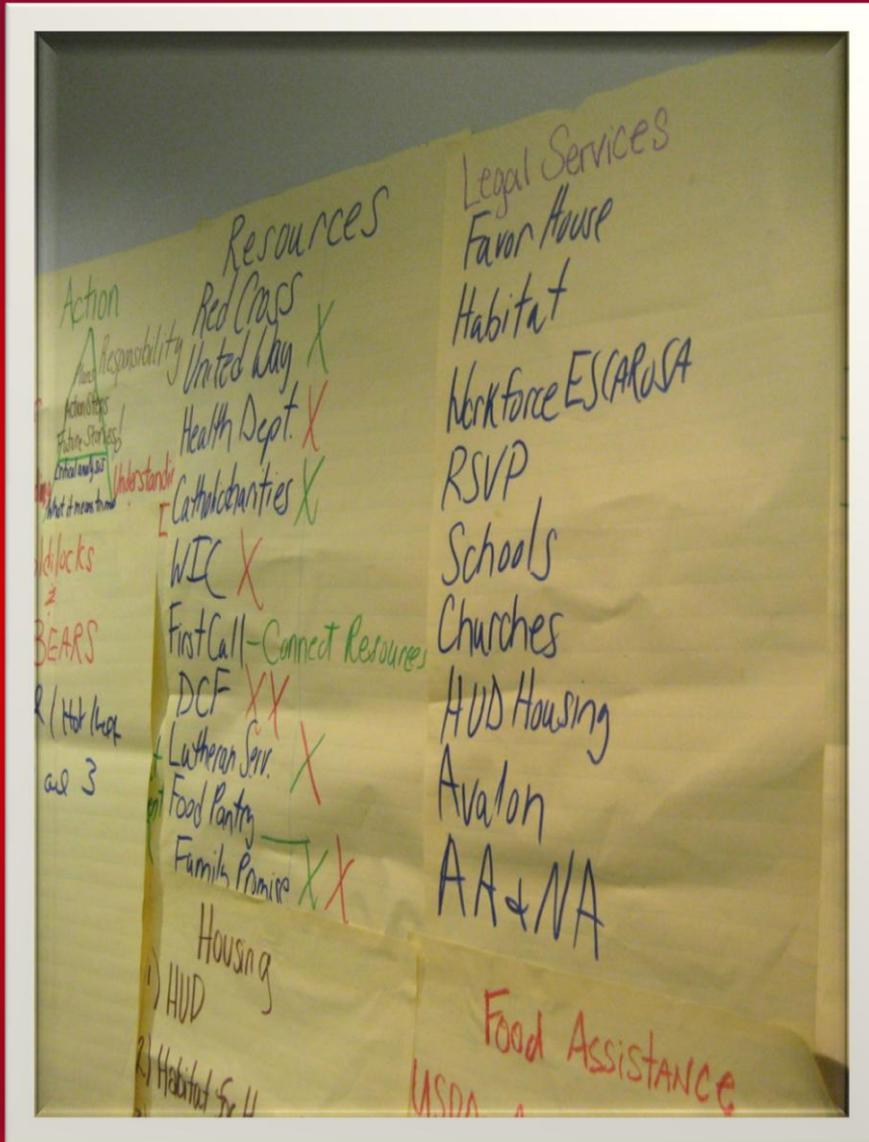


ITS COLD IN WINTER !!!
POOR DIETARY HABBITs
ITS FREAKIN' HOT IN SPRING & SUMMER
NO DENTAL WORK

I encouraged a friend...

I was talking to a friend about what this class was for and she asked if she could get into one of them. So I must have made positive statements to make her interested in participating in Getting Ahead too!

~ Rosalita



I believe the class is very good. It has helped me overcome some problems. I am feeling more comfortable speaking to a group, dining with a group, working with members of the opposite sex. I have learned about a lot of the resources like Red Cross, United Way, the Health Department, etc. I am also able to see some people from our community that we normally don't get to see. People from the school system.

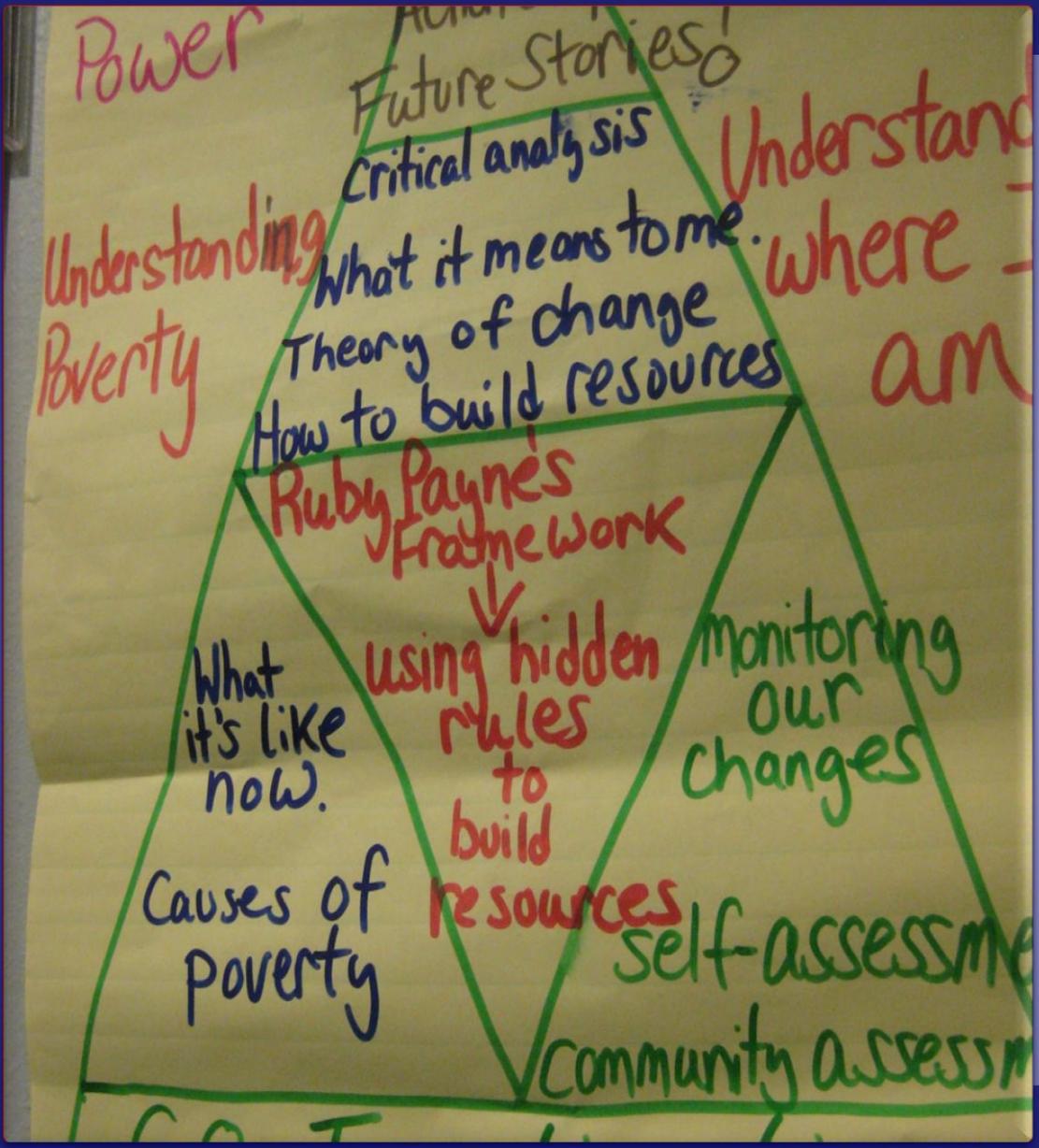
~Getting Ahead Investigator
Summer 2013

Predators

- Cash Tyne - Predatory Lender
- Door to door food salesmen
- Milton Courthouse... Trust,
Guardianship dept.
- Rent to Own

I would recommend the Getting Ahead class to anyone. It has provided me with many useful tools that I have already started to use in my personal life and plan on implementing in the work place when I find a job. I believe it would be helpful and educational to anyone from any background.

~Meredith



The Getting Ahead class is going great so far! I've enjoyed learning from our discussions. I think I may get the courage to leave my current job and go for something better suited to me!

~Getting Ahead Investigator Summer 2013

NEEDED!!!

I have been looking, needing, wishing, and hoping for a course like this since Hurricane Ivan!! My youngest son experienced extreme poverty after I lost a job and the hurricane took the rest...we barely survived.

This course is needed "to stay a while" in Santa Rosa County!

~Getting Ahead Investigator Summer 2013

GETTING AHEAD CLASS

Currently taking registration for second class this fall.

- When: September 2013-November 2013
- Where: Community of Christ Church, Milton, Florida
- Who: Anyone is eligible IF they make the commitment to attend all fifteen sessions and they are motivated to build upon their resources.

- **NEEDED:**
 - Meals
 - Mentors
 - \$ Additional funds for Investigator stipends

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