

Howard County Invites **YOU**  
to Become Part of

# Getting Ahead



A two-part model program that  
can truly change the culture of  
poverty in the community!

**Getting Ahead** is an outgrowth program from the Bridges Out of Poverty initiative of the Howard County Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Bridges Out of Poverty provides a framework for service providers to examine how they view and treat those in poverty.

**Getting Ahead** groups enable people in poverty to investigate how it effects their personal resources and what goals and actions are needed to improve them.

More than **400 service providers and community leaders** have been provided a free training in the Bridges Out of Poverty framework, and several have begun to use the program to make client-centered changes in service delivery.

To date, **Host Facilities** have included:

- Howard County MultiService Center
- Bridgeway Church
- Hope Works
- Howard Community College
- Howard County Department of Social Services
- Howard County Detention Center
- Howard County Housing
- Howard County Office of Workforce Development
- The Jacaranda Center

*“The Getting Ahead program provided me with the foundation that allowed me to move in positive directions with my life.”*

— Carla M., GA graduate

Over 100 Howard County residents have already graduated from this 8-week program, which is active, thriving and growing in demand!

*“As a result of graduating from the Getting Ahead class, I have been able to network, extend my circle of friends and resources and move on to make better decisions in my life.”*

— James E., GA graduate

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Host a Getting Ahead Group
- Become a Getting Ahead Facilitator or Co-Facilitator
- Mentor Getting Ahead Graduates

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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