

## The Program Foundation

The Getting Ahead curriculum:

- Involves rigorous work done in a safe learning environment with the support of a 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 acquired in the hands of people in poverty to make a difference in their own lives and in the life of their community.

Excerpt from <http://www.ahaprocess.com/solutions/community/getting-ahead/>

## Join Our Team!



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## Seeking Partnerships to Build a Supportive Community



**Ending Poverty One  
Community at Time**



Spring 2017 Getting Ahead Program  
to be hosted by  
St. Dorothea Conference,  
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Inc.

## **Building Community Supports**

We are actively recruiting community partners, investigators and mentors in March/April 2017 for our second program.



### **Co-Facilitators**

Guide the Getting Ahead process by working with a group (8 to 12) of Investigators.

Classes meet for 2 ½ hours each week for 16 - 18 weeks.

Investigators do additional research outside of class

### **Mentors**

Walk with investigators through the entire process

Help address barriers to program attendance

Provide encouragement and support to achieve goals

Never do what Investigators are capable of doing for themselves



### **Implementing Plans**

Investigators graduate and: Work to implement their personal plans

Confer with Mentors who act as coaches & connectors to community resources



### **Community Partners**

Provide material support for the program.

Work with Co-Facilitators to recommend candidates for the program and recruit mentors.

Bring program graduates to the table in community discussions to build and/or improve community resources and support systems that foster a community where everyone can live well.