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### Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead One Cohort at a Time

Building Awareness, Community, and Human Capital Throughout San Bernardino County

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## **Workshop Objectives**



- Strengthen access to resources, services and program offerings/structures throughout San Bernardino County.
- Build awareness to strengthen human/social capital within the community.
- Discuss successful outcomes preventing human exploitation among local government.
- Describe new Future Mission: Moving forward



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## **Poverty and Getting Ahead**

# San Bernardino County

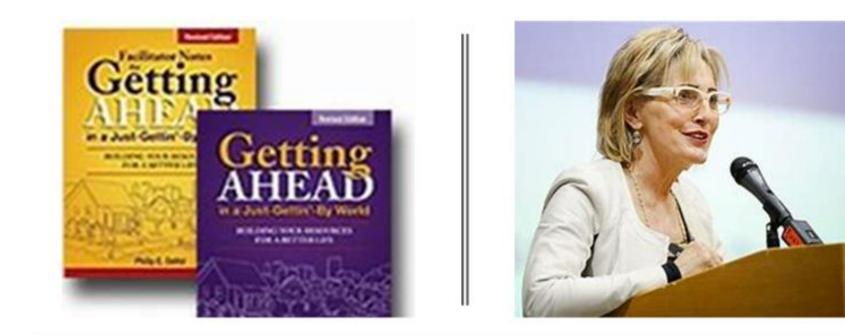




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## **Poverty Awareness**





### Bridges Out of Poverty Certification Training



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## Planning How to Get Ahead

#### Met with Executive Team

#### Presented an initial plan

No funding

### Adjusted plans

Added a budget

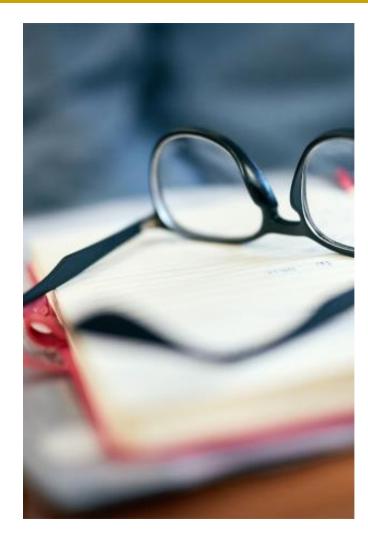
Graduates participated in future Cohorts

### WEX job assignments



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## **Implementation Process**



## Planning the Cohort

12-16 week program	
Average class size	
Meet weekly	
Break bread together	
Books/Materials	
Supplies	
Weekly Check-in	
Link resources	19



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- Are you familiar with Ruby Payne Bridges out of Poverty and the Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-By World curriculum?
- 2. Do you have a Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-By World model in your county or agency?
- 3. Do you recognize gaps in linking resources and communication with those we serve in our communities?





- Mainly single parents (1-6 children)
- 10 years working with children and providing parenting classes for a non-profit
- 12 years working in a dry cleaners providing great customer service
- Warehouse experience
- No work experience prior to Work Experience (WEX) program
- No driver's license/no vehicle
- Lack of (safe) housing
- Most organized
- Best survivors



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Getting connected with the right resource



Understanding what resources are needed



Being able to communicate needs

Hidden rules

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## **Cohort One – Confidence Building**





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## **Cohort January 2019**





## **Social/Human Capital Development**

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## **Cohort September 2019 – Building Trust**

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21 participants enrolled in the program.

- 1. Two (2) participants obtained jobs prior to the start of the cohort.
- 2. One (1) participant obtained <u>a county job</u> during the cohort.
- 3. Two (2) participants obtained a county job and is no longer on aid.
- 4. One (1) participants obtained **<u>a job</u>** during the cohort, not sure if still on aid.
- 5. One (1) participant moved out of state for a job and family support.

Using the data from this cohort it can be stated that job attainment outcomes stands currently at **33** percent for the 2020 Getting Ahead Cohort.



## **Cohort March 2020 – New Future Stories**

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## **Cohort March 2020 Outcomes**



Two cohorts with 27 participants enrolled in the program. Of those:

- Two (2) participants **obtained jobs** prior to the start of the cohort.
- Five (5) participants <u>got a county job</u> and is no longer on aid.
- One (1) participant <u>got two part time jobs</u> and is still on aid.
- 4. One (1) participants obtained <u>a job</u> during the cohort, not sure if still on aid.

Using the data from this cohort it can be stated that job attainment outcomes stands currently at **32** percent for the 2020 Getting Ahead Cohort.



## **Needed Resources**

- Court/Legal
- Child-care
- Medical
- · Behavioral/Mental Health
- Safe Housing
- Stable Transportation
- Witness Protection
- Agency Communication
- Counseling
- Homeless Assistance
- Parenting Classes



- Greater ability to access needed resources
- Found value in themselves
- Not too late to pursue dreams
- Improved parenting skills
- Changed the "woe" is me mentality
- Worth fighting for
- Gained courage
- New educational interests
- Recognize every minute is a new opportunity
- Everything is possible





## **Building Social Capacities**



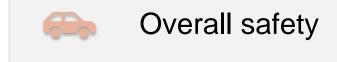
- Positive self-concept development
- Sound decision-making
- Problem-solving
- Social bonding/bridging
- Planning for the future





Do they really hear what are needs are?

Is anyone paying attention?



Parks

Gas stations

Laundry mats

Bus routes



Access to resources



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### **Future Mission: Always Moving Forward**

"Changes in persons to bring about skills and capabilities that make them able to act in new ways."

- Sir Partha Sarathi Dasgupta





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## **Next Steps... Poll Entry Needed - Open Ended**



- 1. Questions regarding the cohorts or investigator experiences?
- 2. Any ideas to share of great work in relation to working with individuals to change their mindset with goals towards long-term sustainability?
- 3. Any suggestions on how we San Bernardino County could better collaborate or link needed resources with our community?
- 4. Any final thoughts to share?



## **Thank you for Sharing in our Journey**

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