

Getting AHEAD in a Just-Gettin'-By World

Interview/Orientation

No one “teaches” you what you need to learn – you discover what’s best for you when you agree to be an investigator:

- ◆ Participate in problem-solving discussions and investigations.
- ◆ Investigate the impact poverty has on you & your community.
- ◆ Help your community by finding better ways to help people out of poverty.
- ◆ Provide accurate information to community planners about the realities you face.
- ◆ Way for people in unstable situations to help solve community problems.
- ◆ Utilize a workbook and participate in a learning experience that is used in hundreds of places in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Slovakia.
- ◆ Agree to attend regularly and make up any absences with the facilitator within 7 days.

- ◆ **When:**
Jan. 24th– Mar. 16th
- ◆ **Days:**
Tuesday & Thursday
- ◆ **Time:**
2 p.m.—5 p.m.
- ◆ **Two 15 minute breaks**



**Well at Sunnyside
721 South Fayette Street
Washington Court House**

**Rate of Pay: \$25/workshop
(Works out to \$10/hour)**

Benefits: Free meals

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Getting Ahead can help a person to:

- a. Identify and solve problems in a safe but challenging group learning experience
- b. Do a self-assessment of his/her own resources
- c. Develop a plan, a future story
- d. Get support during the time he/she is building resources

Getting Ahead Investigators help the group and the community by:

- a. Doing investigations for and with the group
- b. Contributing to discussions and by challenging and supporting others
- c. Participating in the identification of barriers and solutions

What happens in Getting Ahead:

- a. A group of 6-12 people meets with a facilitator for 16 workshop meetings
- b. Each workshop takes three hours
- c. The group uses the process described in the "Triangle"
- d. There will be no lecturing, no teaching: the investigator method will be used
- e. Investigators are paid for their work

Expectations of a Getting Ahead Investigator:

- a. Is expected to attend all sessions
- b. Must be willing to make up work if a session is missed
- c. Will help create and then live with the group rules
- d. Is accountable to the group for being on time and completing work assignments
- e. Has the experience of living in an unstable life situation, paycheck to paycheck, or has experienced poverty

Getting Ahead is different because:

- a. You are seen as a problem solver; your information and ideas are needed
- b. No one decides anything for you; no one will tell you what to do
- c. No one will do for you what you can do for yourself
- d. No one will "teach"; you will do the learning

Supplies:

You will be provided with the Getting Ahead workbook, a legal pad, a folder, pen, pencil, and calculator.