

Create your own **SUCCESS STORY** with

Getting Ahead



A Community-Focused Initiative of the
Howard County Office of the Local Children's Board

If **YOU** have a **DESIRE** and the **AMBITION** to achieve a more secure future, we can help you get there!

WHY join a **GETTING AHEAD** group?

- Discover the hidden rules of poverty, middle class and wealth, and to *identify the causes* of poverty and what changes it.
- Learn to build mental models of what life is like now and *what you want your life to be* in the future.
- Work with a team to identify and *organize ways to create stability* and resources in your life.
- Make *concrete plans for economic security* and enjoy the power that comes from solving problems and *being in control of your life*.

HOW does a **GETTING AHEAD** team work?

- A group is comprised of eight to 10 people.
- Sessions are two hours long and generally hosted at the various locations throughout the county.
- The group typically meets for 15 sessions; usually twice a week for eight weeks.
- Group members work with each other in a stimulating and respectful team environment.
- A facilitator will help explore solutions and keep the group on track.

OTHER BENEFITS GETTING AHEAD team members receive:

- \$25 per session (\$400 for 16 complete sessions)
- assistance with child care and transportation
- a shared meal each session the group meets
- accommodations, if needed, to participate

Over 400 Howard County residents have already graduated from this program, and YOU can, too!

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