

**PROPOSED PATH TO A PLAN**  
**Impact Poverty Task Force**  
**December 10, 2010**

**Getting Ahead Facilitator Training**

**January – TBA** (Either one evening session a week for 4 weeks or 2 Saturday morning sessions depending upon desires of the group)

Getting Ahead Facilitator Training for anyone interested.

We will use the GA DVDs for training assisted by Glenda Adkisson who has recently received the training, in person. Facilitators chosen to run Getting Ahead Groups will be paid.

**January 13th**

**3:00 – 7:00 pm - Thursday afternoon/evening**

*Proposed Agenda – Kids & Poverty in Paducah/McCracken County*

*Pre-K – 12 Issues and Opportunities, Mentoring, “The Family”*

*(Speakers from “the front line” such as Head Start, school representatives, successful mentoring programs, childcare, etc.)*

*Working Dinner*

*Discussion time*

**Getting Ahead Groups Launched**

**February – April**

- 2 Groups – Ideally one in the Farley area and one in the City (Public housing?)
- 2 facilitators per group (meet every time)
- 15 sessions each @ 2.5 hours long
- Meal and Childcare provided
- 6-12 “investigators” per group
  - Not married couples
  - Not the hardest cases to start with – multi-generational, mentally ill, long-term homelessness
- Will pay \$25 in the form of a Wal-Mart Gift Card to each participant each session
- **What participants are asked:** “Do you want to help work on poverty issues in our community? Your help is needed. You will be paid for your work. This will include work on two (2) levels, examining the impact that poverty has had on the community and the impact that poverty has had on your family.”
- Feedback during this process from facilitators to Impact Poverty Task Force

## **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **7:30 – 9:30 am – Friday morning**

*Proposed Agenda – Workforce Characteristics and Jobs Outlook*

*Panel from Job placement, WCKTC, Workforce Investment Board*

*Discussion time*

## **March 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **7:30 – 9:30 am – Friday morning**

*Proposed Agenda – Other causes/effects of Poverty in our Community*

*Crime, Mental Illness, Homelessness, Child Support, etc.*

*Discussion time*

## **April 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **7:30 – 9:30 Friday morning**

*Proposed Agenda – Local Govt. and Non-Profit Assistance*

*Public Housing, Network of Non-Profit Support – food, clothing, utility assistance*

*Discussion Time*

## **May 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **3:00 – 8:00 pm – Thursday afternoon/evening**

*Proposed Agenda – Start Synthesizing Information*

- Invite Getting Ahead graduates to be part of the Task Force at this point
- Task Force Members choose/are assigned topical Committees (Along the lines of those mapped out for the months, above) to define issues, set priorities, and discuss preliminary strategies.

## **May – June – Smaller Group Meetings**

- In addition to Getting Ahead Graduates, invite/include members for whom the strategies discussed would have an impact
- Meetings determined by Groups; estimate 8 – 12 hours per group
- Draft strategies due by June 30<sup>th</sup>

## **July - TBA**

### **All-day retreat**

- Refine & Coordinate Strategies
- Assign responsibilities
- Set Goals and Measurements

August 1 – draft written plan

August 15 – deadline for Task Force Members to respond to draft plan

August 31 – Final plan/implementation