



Move Forward Move Ahead

A United Fund Board Initiative Since 2006

Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Working with Marion Matters, we are committed to offering professionals consistent training opportunities available spring and fall each year.

DAY 1 - Bridges Concepts & Constructs

DAY 2 - Applying Bridges Concepts

Getting Ahead Experience

Two times per year we recruit folks in poverty to attend a 9-week workshop twice a week. Facilitators keep the “investigators” moving through the book “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World” by Philip E. DeVol.

Once the 9-weeks are completed, investigators continue into our 5-week series that will focus on specific topics that they are interested in; includes financial literacy, and other topics that increase life skills and job readiness.

Monthly Resource Meetings

Building Social Capital!

For Grads, those currently in the Getting Ahead Experience, our Bridges Champions (community & business leaders, organizations, churches, etc.) will help us all learn together.

In addition, the Huron County Assistance Network and 2-1-1 will help us understand today’s needs, so that we can better serve our families in poverty.

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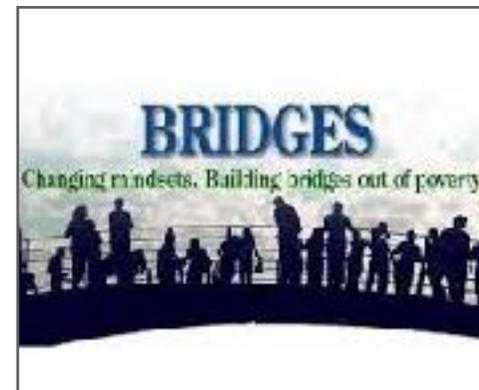
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How is poverty affecting those you know?

You are invited to attend to ponder this question and learn how you can become part of the solution and make a difference!



BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY Training

1 Opportunity, 2 Days

Thursday and Friday
October 18th & 19th

8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration at 8:00am

**Camden Falls Reception
& Conference Center**

2460 OH-231 Tiffin, OH 44883

Target Audience

This course is particularly designed for:

- educators/teachers
- employers
- community partners
- attorneys
- counselors
- judges
- law enforcement
- probation staff
- healthcare & social workers
- social service staff & volunteers

but it will benefit all who seek a better understanding of persons in generational poverty and how best to assist them to get ahead.

Ready to get Involved / Volunteer?

Call the United Fund office

419-668-0269

Thursday, October 18th

Day 1

Concepts & Constructs

Developing a mental model of poverty, and how relationships and “tyranny of the moment” trump all; learning the hidden rules of survival for poverty and middle class and how these skills - critical in one context can mean failure in another; understanding the difference between formal and informal register and how to make our communications meaningful; identifying resources needed to achieve middle class (it’s not all about money) and barriers that limit their acquisition; and a commitment to making our community a more successful community.



**About your Day 1 Speaker :
Heidi Jones**

Heidi Jones is the Executive Director of Marion Matters Inc., a local non-profit organization working to provide leadership in developing and sustaining pathways out of poverty through education and support. Heidi

joined the Marion Matters family in May of 2013, bringing with her nearly 2 decades of experience and expertise in Business Administration and Management.

Heidi is also a life-time certified Bridges Out of Poverty trainer. She spends countless hours working with low income families, building relationships of mutual understanding and respect to advocate for community solutions across economic class lines. Under Heidi’s tutelage, nearly 200 families have begun their journey to a more stabilized lifestyle. Over the past five years, Heidi has worked hard to bring effective programming to those who struggle with daily instability. In addition to “Getting Ahead, Heidi has partnered with community members to add Transitions, a class to allow participants to explore college and career options, Financial Literacy, and a credit recovery approved youth curriculum, The R Rules. Heidi most recently formed the Marion Area Employer Resource Network to assist the business sector by reducing turn over and increasing productivity. Heidi and the team at Marion Matters are taking a holistic approach at addressing the challenges of poverty that face the Marion community.

Friday, October 19th

Day 2

Applying Bridges Concepts

Learn how to apply the concepts you learned in

Day 1 Training:

- create relationships
- develop mediation skills and strategies
- study barriers to change & stages of change
- motivation & mentoring
- developing mental models
- the importance of language
- develop true community collaborations

**About your Day 2 Speaker :
Jodi Pfarr**



Since 2001 Jodi Pfarr has worked internationally, conducting profound seminars that leave people learning and laughing. Her engaging style and trademark humor, allow her to effectively connect with diverse audiences. Her ongoing clients represent a broad range of groups, including police departments, judges, teachers, religious institutions, social services, and fire departments. Pfarr grew up in a rural area and lives in an urban city, giving her a keen understanding of both demographics, as well as the diversity and unique dynamics within both. She brings audiences the knowledge she has gained from years of hands-on experience within the criminal justice system, social services, and nonprofit organizations. This vast work experience enriches her presentation with stories from the trenches that audiences find relatable and transferable to their own lives.

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Registration Form

Please Register by September 20, 2018

Cost: \$75 each day

Fee includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Materials for the day

Please check all days you are registering for below:

Day 1 **Day 2**

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Agency/Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail this form & your fee, payable to :

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