

**Bridges Out of Poverty**  
**Opportunity for In-Service Workshop**  
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The Bridges Out of Poverty concept was developed by Phil DeVol and Ruby Payne in 2001. Ruby Payne designed a curriculum she believed would end the cycle of poverty. In St Joseph's County in South Bend, Indiana, they accomplished their initial goal of educating their community members with the support of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and St. Mary's College.

The current goal for the Bridges Out of Poverty movement is to involve social services, education, business, and governmental organizations in an effort to enhance the lives of everyone in the community and allow people a clearer path to self-sufficiency.

This fits well into our mission—to promote opportunities and provide support for persons with disabilities to lead self-determined lives. When we hold in our minds the families and individuals we serve we are able to see the changing dynamics of our community as well as the role economics plays in daily lives.

Reducing the social costs of poverty, strengthening the workforce, and building a more prosperous and sustainable community are goals on which most communities agree. The Bridges Out of Poverty concepts and workshop will help employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way. Bridges brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes and support those who are moving out of poverty.

The course will offer new ideas and practices which can be utilized to clear the path for effective interactions and begin discussions focused on ways to:

- Move individuals from poverty to self-sufficiency
- Reduce social costs related to crime, poor health, and welfare
- Strengthen educational attainment and job skills
- Enhance economic development
- Improve on-the-job productivity
- Revitalize neighborhoods
- Build sustainable communities where everyone can live well

The knowledge gained will allow you and your partners to build a more solid structure for service to your own community.

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