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Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity Participant Referral-Information Letter

To whom it may concern,

Dear potential "Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity" Participant,

"Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity" is a practice that provides a way to examine the impact that poverty has on individuals, families and their communities. It is based on evidence and practices written and developed from people in poverty. Over approximately 16 weeks individuals that are selected to participate in this process will meet weekly for 2.5 hours with others that are struggling to overcome the challenges of poverty. Participants have the opportunity to examine and investigate their own lives through discussion and the facilitation of the "Getting Ahead" curriculum. The hope is that after the completion of these sessions everyone will have a plan of their own that will assist them in taking the necessary steps to improve their situation.

We believe that anyone who wishes to participate in "Getting Ahead" must be strongly committed and should have a deep desire for change. It will ultimately be up to the individual to get what they need from this experience. However, we recognize that there are very real barriers that could prevent even the most highly motivated people from being able to participate. We recognize that being a part of "Getting Ahead" requires a significant time commitment. It is because of this that participants will receive stipends for their time. In addition, we will offer child care and a meal will be provided during every session.

If you are ready to build a positive future story for yourself and your family and it sounds like this is an opportunity that you could benefit from, please take the time to answer the questions attached to this form. This form should then be returned to Bonnie Kent at The N. D. H. S. Center, 295 State Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17023. Any questions that you have regarding this process call Bonnie Kent at (717) 827-4640.

Once the form has been reviewed you may be asked to participate in a brief 20-30 minute interview. The next Getting Ahead is expected to start in January 2012. Thank you so much for your interest.

Sincerely

Bonnie Kent
Community Liaison/Operations Manager

"GETTING AHEAD: A PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY"

Participant Application Form

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cellular Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Planning for the Meeting

What is the best night to hold Getting Ahead Meetings? Check all that work for you.

Monday Wednesday Tuesday (just used as a last resource)

Which night is your first choice? _____ Second choice? _____

What are the names of the adult members of your household who have completed an application and will be attending the weekly meetings? Each need individual application

Names of adults _____

Note: Babysitting will be provided for children under the age of 12

How many children from YOUR household will be attending? _____

What are the ages of the children attending? _____

Any children with special needs? Explain needs. _____

Employment Information (you do not have to be employed to participate in Getting Ahead Meetings)

Current work status: Employed Unemployed Veteran Status

Name of Employer: _____ Salary per hour: _____

How long have you been at this present job? _____

Number of hours worked per week: _____

Which of the following benefits is your household currently receiving? (Check all that apply)

Section 8 Housing

FIP/TANF

SS/SSI/SSDI

Childcare Assistance

Food Stamps

Temporary/Transitional Shelter