United Way of Frederick County's

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTIN' BY WORLD

Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By-World is an internationally recognized 16-week program designed to help ALICE individuals build their resources for a better life.

INVESTIGATORS MEET WEEKLY FOR 3-HOUR MEETINGS FOR 16 WEEKS.
Meeting locations and times vary by cohort.

KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- Meals provided
- On-site child care
- Self-Assessment
- Develop various mental models
- $25 participation stipend per session
- Course material binder provided
- Community assessment
- 100% participation requested
- Transportation available upon request

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WHAT IS GETTING AHEAD?

- Getting Ahead is a critical part of United Way of Frederick County's Pathway to Financial Stability.
- Involves rigorous work done in a safe, kitchen-table style learning environment with the support of an experienced facilitator.
- Enables participants, called "Investigators," to examine their own experience of inadequate resources as well as explore issues in the community that impact success – banking, housing, jobs, transportation – providing critical information the community can use to take action to end the cycles of poverty.
- Compensates Investigators for their time when they attend a weekly three-hour meeting.
- Guides Investigators through an assessment of their own resources and how to build those resources as part of their move toward self-sufficiency.
- Puts the concepts, tools and relationships in the hands of people in poverty to make a difference in their own lives and in the life of their community.

Getting Ahead is offered through an equal and special partnership between several Frederick County nonprofit organizations, known as the Frederick County Getting Ahead Coalition. This program is funded in part by the Frederick County Division of Family Services, home of the Local Management Board.