



Graduations! 85 People Have Now Completed Getting Ahead in our community, 85 Lives, *and Their Families' Lives*, Impacted *...with Bridge to Hope in Hot Springs, Arkansas!*

A Second 2016 Graduation of Getting Ahead While Getting Out Was Celebrated at the Garland County Detention Center on May 16th

A second graduation celebration was held this year, on May 16, at the Garland County Detention Center with two classes, *a total of 16 people*, graduating. There were 12 men and 4 women who completed this series of classes that began on March 30 and were held twice a week. We wish these graduates the best as they await the next chapter of their lives...with new hope, new plans, and new goals!



**Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By
World Graduation held on May 23, 2016**

Graduation for Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By world was held on May 23, 2016

at First Baptist Church. Eighteen people received their certificates, community members gave comments, graduates shared their life stories, family members beamed with pride, and the sense in the room was that everyone present was moved by the accomplishments achieved, emotions shared, and commitments expressed.

Speakers from the community were Dr. John S. McCallum II, Pastor of First Baptist Church, host church for the two groups graduating; Dr. John Wayne Smith, Chairman of the Board of Directors, CCMC; Jill Johnson, Program Coordinator for Getting Ahead; and Dr. Mike Prince, Facilitator for Getting Ahead.

Seven students spoke about their life and their Getting Ahead experience after the certificates were presented. Dinner, prepared by First Baptist Church, and fellowship were then enjoyed by all.

Getting Ahead is a life-changing process...and those who complete it leave with new hopes...new goals...and inestimable value!

Important Upcoming Dates for Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World

Mentor Orientation

Thursday, 6-9-16 11:00 a.m.-noon

CCMC, Hot Springs

Mentor/Mentee Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 6-9-16 7:00 p.m.

The Garage Church, Hot Springs

Expanded Mentor Training

Friday, 6-24-16 6:00-8:00 p.m.

and

Monday, 6-27-16 6:00-8:00 p.m.

(both sessions must be attended)

The Garage Church, Hot Springs

Steering Committee Work Continues

The Bridge Out of Poverty Steering Committee continues to meet and work on an ongoing basis. Subcommittees are developing goals in the areas of: Teaching Bridges, Education, Jobs, Transportation, Intense Case Management, and Housing.

We will report further on these goals and progress being made in future editions of this publication.

Stay tuned!

*And...*if you would like to become involved in any of these subcommittee areas, please contact Lynn Blankenship, by emailing lynn@ccmchs.com or calling 501.318.1153, ext. 103.

New Staff Member at CCMC!



Laura Bright joined the staff at CCMC in April, 2016 as a case manager and comes with a wealth of experience in the health care world. She began her career in the United States Navy where she was a hospital corpsman from 2001-2005. Laura graduated from the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois and the Naval School of Health Sciences at Old Dominion University in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Previous employment in Hot Springs includes scrub tech at Mercy Hospital Labor & Delivery, lead front office at Mercy Medicaid Pregnancy Clinic, and senior clinical business solution analyst at Mercy Health.

Laura is a member of the Hot Springs Woman's Chamber of Commerce and First Baptist Church.

Welcome, Laura!!

We Can't Say This Enough! Volunteer Opportunities and Training Activity

There are many opportunities to help with this important process, **Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World**, and one of our greatest needs, at this point is still for **facilitators** and **mentors**.

Future mentor training sessions are being planned.

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If you would like more information about Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World, please contact Jill Johnson, Program Director, at jjohnson@ccmchs.com or call 501.318.1153, ext. 302.

If you would like information about the mentoring program, please contact Terry Lawler at terryl@cablelynx.com or call 501.620.6051.

Informational Meetings for Potential GA Participants Are Ongoing!

Please keep in mind that on the **2nd Thursday of each month, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**, informational meetings are held for people to learn more about the Getting Ahead process. These meetings are opportunities for prospective "investigators" to learn more about the process, get questions answered, and discover how the Getting Ahead process can change their lives. The GA process is a self-discovery for each person participating...but it can be comforting to learn it is experienced with others...on a journey that can result in life-long friendships.

**Upcoming dates are: June 9
July 14
August 11**

Meetings are held at CCMC, 133 Arbor Street. For more information, call 318-1153, ext. 302.

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