

the crisis **IMPACTS EVERYONE**

36.5 MILLION AMERICANS CURRENTLY LIVE IN POVERTY
WHILE ROUGHLY 11.5% OF RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF INDIANA LIVE IN POVERTY.¹

Circles™
NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

the solution **INVOLVES EVERYONE**

AN INNOVATIVE CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE POVERTY
BY UPLIFTING FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOME AS THEY MOVE THEMSELVES PERMANENTLY OUT OF POVERTY.



circles...

Empowers people from every economic class to solve poverty in their communities

- Getting Ahead is a study that guides people with low income in creating a personal plan for change and a community assessment.
- Bridges Out of Poverty trains people with middle and high incomes to better understand generational poverty.
- A Guiding Coalition of people from all income levels creates and leads the work of the initiative.

Provides families with networking and social resources that are essential to getting out of poverty

- A Circle consists of a family working to get out of poverty and 2-5 Allies who befriend them and lend support.
- The family or individual is the Circle Leader and implements their personal plan to achieve their unique goals with a network of support.

Affects change in the policies and social structures that lock people into poverty

- Weekly Community Meetings gather Circle Leaders, Circle Allies, and other interested community members to provide support and networking opportunities.
- Monthly Big View Meetings address the larger poverty issues that were previously identified in the community assessment.

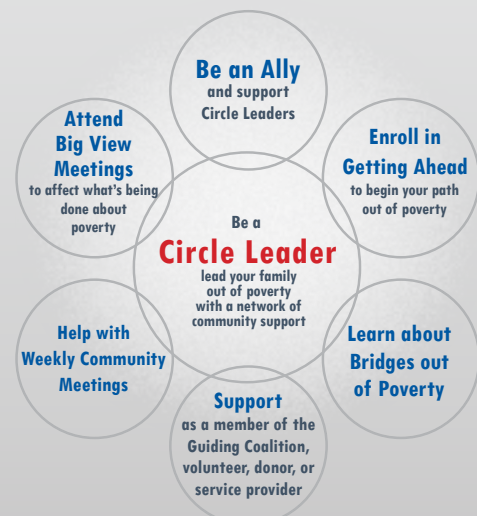
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THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE IN THE CIRCLES COMMUNITY

Whether you are a church, organization, company, or social group, here are some ways you can build into Circles:

- Sponsor a new family or individual every quarter for \$500.00. This amount fully sponsors the Circles process
- Provide a meal for a weekly meeting once per quarter.
- Provide two Allies and/or a Guiding Coalition Member to partner with the Community-wide Circles initiative.
- More ways to get started with Circles are listed to the right.

MORE WAYS TO BE INVOLVED:



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