



Community of Practice 2022

A Quarterly Conversation About Reducing Poverty Using a Comprehensive Community-Wide Approach

In 2022 our Community of Practice will focus on the work being done within specific sectors in our community. We will learn about how individual organizations are working to reduce poverty through the way services are delivered and how they are working with others in their respective sector and others to remove barriers.

Dates and Topics Include:

- Thursday, February 17 - Housing
- Thursday, May 26 - Workforce
- Thursday, August 25 - Health Care
- Thursday, November 17 - Education

Meetings will be held via Zoom from 1:00 - 2:00pm



About the Community of Practice:

Poverty is a complex problem that demands a comprehensive approach. And therein lies the challenge. Poverty is not resolved with a single program or even set of programs, because there are so many variables. Bridges Out of Poverty is not a program. It is a set of constructs that can be applied in many settings and in many ways.

Communities that use the Bridges constructs recognize that to address poverty effectively we must engage the whole community. All sectors and economic classes need to be at the table and speaking the same language and the Community of Practice supports this ongoing work.

Our Community of Practice 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 Bridges model operates on the law of attraction: If you like this approach, then take ownership of the ideas and apply them in your work. Your innovations can impact the lives of people in poverty, improve the outcomes of your organization, and help build our broad community initiative.

For more information on the Rockford Region Bridges Out of Poverty project, please visit our website at www.OneBodyCollaboratives.org. Or, contact Mary Cacioppi, Project Manager, by email at: Mary.Cacioppi@OneBodyCollaboratives.org.



Rebuilding Lives, Transforming Our Community

One Body Collaboratives