

Good News!

1. Poverty is resolvable
2. We know what works
3. There are strategies for doing better

A New Paradigm

- A Deeper Understanding Of Poverty And The Families Who Live In It.
- A Strength's Perspective Approach: Stand In Awe
- A NASA Attitude: Failure Is Not An Option
- Stronger Partnerships: Within and Without

What does poverty teach?

- *No one cares**
- *Everyone seems smarter**
- *We don't belong**
- *People like us do not go to the doctor**
- *Life happens and there is nothing you can do about it**
- *There is no way to buy prescriptions**

What does poverty teach?

Family Loyalty...I love my family. They love me.

He's my brother

Stereotypes about poverty prevents us from working together to break barriers. Some facts about poverty:

- Inadequate pay---2/3 of people in poverty are working 1.7 jobs without health care benefits
- Inadequately funded fragmented support systems
- Ignorance about the history/current realities of poverty
- Isolation from people who have benefited from education, jobs and health care
- Lack of access health care & stable housing
- Extremely limited access to needed resources

It's in the People!

- Believe people can make it out of poverty.
- Believe people have knowledge and skills to contribute to their growth.
- Have poverty competency:
 - Suspend judgement--Understand the structural causes of poverty and how to support communities in developing solutions from within.
- Focus on programs that reduce the isolation of poverty. No one makes it out alone, everyone needs help. It's in the people!

RESOURCES:

Upcoming 2011 Poverty and Coaching Institutes,
Portland Oregon, Traverse City Michigan and Amarillo Texas

*New!! Action Approach For Educating Students: The curriculum kit includes a two-hour training dvd, along with 10, 68 page companion guidebooks with concrete strategies for breaking poverty barriers to education

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