



Philip DeVol

Philip DeVol of Marengo, Ohio, has been training and consulting on poverty issues since 1997. He is co-author of *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities* with Ruby K. Payne and Terie Dreussi-Smith. In 2004 he wrote *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life* to help people in poverty investigate the impact of poverty on their communities and themselves. DeVol's 2010 work *Investigations into Economic Class in America*, co-authored with Karla M. Krodel, applies the Getting Ahead concepts to college life for under-resourced postsecondary students. *Investigations* received the 2011 Distinguished Achievement Award in the Curriculum—Adult Life Skills category and was recognized as a finalist for the 2011 Golden Lamp Award and as a finalist for the 2011 Innovation Award by the Association of Educational Publishers, leading to an invitation to showcase the work at a Capitol Hill briefing. A collection of DeVol's essays and articles was also published in 2010 under the title *Bridges to Sustainable Communities*.

DeVol works nationwide and internationally with communities that apply *Bridges Out of Poverty* constructs, including sites in Canada, Australia, and Slovakia. In fact, *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life* and *Bridges Out of Poverty* has been translated into Slovak, and Bridges Communities in Slovakia have so far been awarded two European Union grants to further the work there.

Bridges Communities bring together people from all classes, political persuasions, and sectors to address all causes of poverty in a systemic way. DeVol holds quarterly phone conferences with Bridges Communities to assist knowledge transfer between the many individuals, organizations, and communities that are adopting Bridges principles into their settings and developing new levels of expertise.

In addition to writing and consulting, DeVol coordinates aha! Process's collaborations with other organizations to effect innovative, high-impact strategies for ending poverty and building sustainable communities where everyone can do well.

Selected workshops presented and products by Philip DeVol

Philip DeVol presents Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities, Applying Bridges Concepts, Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World, and Hidden Rules of Class at Work.

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