

"Introduction to Bridges Out of Poverty"

March 13, 2014

7 pm

Faulkner Gallery, Central Library

40 West Anapamu, Santa Barbara, CA

Facilitator: Dianne Owens

This seminar gives both the social service provider and the community member key lessons in dealing with individuals from poverty. It is designed for employers, community organizations, law enforcement, counselors, health care and social service providers, as well as the general public.

Topics include:

- increasing awareness of the differences in economic cultures
- how those differences affect opportunities for success
- the hidden rules among classes
- the role of language and story
- building an accurate mental model of poverty



Dianne Owens brings to her audiences the knowledge gained from direct service experience with people in poverty for over 17 years. She trained with aha! Process, Inc. in May 2010 to become a community facilitator/trainer of "Bridges out of Poverty." This one and two day workshop is based on the research of Dr. Ruby Payne and identifies principles for improving outcomes with individuals from generational poverty. She has trained the Arbor E&T, LLC staff in Santa Barbara County and has trained non-profit and government employees in Lake County in the Bridges concepts and philosophy.

She has trained county and non-profit staff the past three years at the California Workforce Association (CWA) Youth Conferences, as well as staff from Tehama County in October 2013.

Dianne holds a Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University in Consumer and Family Sciences. She pursued graduate work at Arizona State University. Dianne is a certified facilitator for the Institute of Cultural Affairs and a Master Certified Trainer with Curtis & Associates. She is a graduate of Leadership California and Leadership Santa Barbara County. Dianne is currently President of the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch, AAUW and the Chair of the Youth Council for the Santa Barbara County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

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