



# TAZEWELL COUNTY AOK NETWORK

AOK Networks are community-based collaborations that consist of people who share a common interest in helping families with children birth to 5 years get the best start in life. AOK consists of 40 active members representing social service agencies, law enforcement, health, early learning, & faith-based organizations

## BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY 2012-2017



**12**

Bridges out of Poverty workshops



Community Organizations  
Social Service Agencies  
Employers  
Individuals



**10**

Poverty Cafes

## Outreach



**500**

Bridges out of Poverty participants



**200**

Poverty Cafe participants

## Awareness



**95%**

Workshop participants will apply Bridges out of Poverty knowledge in work



**New partnerships**  
City of Pekin  
St. Vincent De Paul



Changes in policy requiring staff to participate in Bridges workshops as cultural competency training.

## Outcomes



**71%**

Increased awareness of economic class hidden rules



Build a community foundation to better understand how to assist individuals moving from poverty to self-sufficiency

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