

## MISSION

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

## GETTING AHEAD CURRICULUM

Getting Ahead is a FREE 13-week economic empowerment program offered by YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region to women struggling financially. The program is a combination of self-examination and economic education to assist you in identifying and reaching your personal economic goals.

## BENEFITS

Participants in the Getting Ahead program are provided:

- 13-week group program to develop the tools and resources needed to support your education and employment goals.
- Support services after the program are provided to encourage and motivate.
- Graduates of Getting Ahead are eligible to apply for funding towards education and employment goals such as vocational training, certifications, uniforms, licensing and business start up needs.

**“Thank you for the amazing class and motivation. Getting Ahead literally gave me a second chance at the life and career I want to have. This means the world to me and my children because I get to better their lives as well.”**

**- 2018 Graduate**

## WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region offers a variety of programs at our Women's Resource Center that focus on employability and education. This service is provided by appointment and at no cost.

YWCA Staff can assist with:

- Resume development & cover letters
- Computer Literacy Skills
- Interviewing Skills
- Job Searching

## WORKING WARDROBE

The YWCA Working Wardrobe provides FREE work-appropriate clothing for women who are seeking employment, starting a new job or going to school. We help women who are searching for the right interview-appropriate clothing, or right after they land that new job and are in need of office attire.

We always accept office-appropriate clothing, accessories (handbags, scarves) and shoes in all sizes. Please make sure that all donated clothing is in good condition, clean and ready to wear.

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# GETTING AHEAD

Women's Economic Empowerment



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## ABOUT GETTING AHEAD

Getting Ahead is a FREE economic empowerment program offering long-term solutions for economic stability. The curriculum is based on the evidence-based work of Dr. Ruby Payne, who authored "Bridges Out of Poverty" and "Getting Ahead".

The topics covered in the program include:

- My Life Now
- Theory of Change
- Causes of Poverty
- Hidden Rules of Economic Class
- The 11 Resources
- Building Resources

The program also includes guest speakers who provide information on financial literacy, job outlook in the region, education opportunities, and more. Participants complete several self-assessments during the course, and are continually working towards their goals. Each participant completes a comprehensive economic action plan for success that offers detailed objectives needed to reach those goals.

YWCA staff offer follow-up support services after completion of the program. Participants who graduate are also eligible to apply for funding to meet employment and education goals. Some examples of financial support have included vocational training, certifications and uniforms.

Past graduates have gone on to attend universities and have found employment that has improved their lives economically and personally.

**"Getting Ahead helped me take the time to work on where I was, and where I'm headed." - 2019 Graduate**



## SCHEDULE

### Spring

Enrollment: January - February  
13-Week Program: March - June  
Graduation: June

### Fall

Enrollment: July - August  
13-Week Program: September - December  
Graduation: December

Getting Ahead meets for three hours, once per week, for 13 weeks. The program is offered in Saginaw, Bay, and Midland Counties.

Attendance and participation are extremely important for success so we ask potential participants to consider work/school schedules, childcare and transportation when applying.

## HOW TO ENROLL

Women interested in attending Getting Ahead may contact YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region at 989.894.9055 or complete the online referral form at [ywcaglbr.org/getting-ahead](http://ywcaglbr.org/getting-ahead).

Once referred, YWCA staff will contact potential participants to discuss program details, answer questions and schedule a one-on-one assessment to determine eligibility.

