**Bridge to Prosperity**

Leading the Way out of Generational Poverty

Mason County Community Learning Institute

August 28th-30th 2013

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**Why?** The nature of poverty has changed significantly over the past generation. Unlike the 1990’s, family-sustaining wages required post-secondary education. In the past, low wages were supplemented by a safety net of subsidized housing, child care, and other public benefit programs. These programs are becoming less available.

**Why Now?** Poverty is increasing.
- In 2007, 12% of Mason County children lived in extreme poverty. Today, 27% do.
- Today, fully 5% of seniors rely on Food Stamps.

The paths out of poverty are decreasing.
- Majority of living wage jobs require post-secondary education or training.

We must start asking ourselves to think differently and boldly about the causes of poverty.

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**Mason County’s Response**

“Bridge to Prosperity” featuring

Dr. Donna Beegle is an authentic voice who speaks, writes and trains across the nation to break the iron cage of poverty.

Dr. William Parrett and Kathleen Budge are authors of “Turning High Poverty Schools into High Performing Schools

Crittenton Women’s Union “Bridge to Self-Sufficiency” takes a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to fostering economic mobility. The theory describes a person’s advancement from poverty to economic self-sufficiency as a journey across a bridge supported by five critical pillars—family stability, well-being, education and training, financial management, and employment and career management.

“Poverty is resolvable, however, making a difference for people who live in the crisis of poverty requires a paradigm shift. A shift that moves us beyond stereotypes and judgment to a deeper understanding of the causes of poverty and its impact on human beings.” Dr. Donna Beegle

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“Bridge to Prosperity” Community Learning Institute
Many Learning Opportunities for ALL ...

**August 28, 2013**

**Morning Session (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**
Drs. Beegle, Budge and Parrett w/ Educational Staff from Hood Canal, Pioneer, Grapeview and Southside SD at Pioneer Middle School.

**Afternoon Session (1:30 – 3:00 p.m.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ Health Care Administrators at Mason General Hospital.
FSG “Collective Impact’ training w/ Community at Large at Mason County Public Works*(pre-registration required)

**Dinner Session (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ Mason County Elected Officials at Colonial House in Shelton(RSVP required for invited guests)
Evening YES and Youth in Action 3rd Street Party/ fundraiser

**August 29, 2013**

**Breakfast Session (7:00 – 8:15 a.m.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ Medical providers at Mason General Hospital.

**Morning Session (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ Community at large at Mason County Public Works*(pre-registration required)

**Afternoon Session concurrent (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**
Crittenton Women’s Union w/ Social Service providers’ Mobility Mentoring’ Implementation team at Mason County Public Works.

**Afternoon Session concurrent (1:00-4:00 pm.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ School Support Staff at ESD 113.

**Dinner Session (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ the Mason County Business Community at Alderbrook Resort(RSVP required)

**August 30, 2013**

**Morning Session (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**
Drs. Beegle, Budge and Parrett w/ Educational Staff from Mary M. Knight, North Mason and Shelton School Districts at North Mason High School.

**Lunch (11:30-12:30)**
Dr. Beegle w/ Safety Net Service Providers at Mason County Public Works*(pre-registration required)

**Afternoon Session (1:30 – 3:00 p.m.)**
Dr. Beegle w/ Emergency Department Consistent Care Team at Mason General Hospital.

**Event Sponsors:**

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