

Getting Ahead Graduate Report

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Most Bridges Out of Poverty initiatives have a component that engages people in poverty directly with a facilitated learning experience using the workbook *Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By World*.

The underlying theory about poverty is explicitly addressed in Getting Ahead and therefore should be reported on in outcome reports. In the simplest terms, poverty is defined as the lack of 11 resources that are needed for a full life. The development of those resources is dependent on the level of stability in a person's life. If a person in poverty can stabilize their environment, they will find it easier to build resources.

For those who look for a financial return on investment (financial resources are one of the 11 resources), it is necessary to report on financial outcomes as well.

The data gathered by CharityTracker is provided by each Getting Ahead site and is compiled by state in this national report. It is based on results for 833 graduates from 20 states. The period of time between the first assessment done while in Getting Ahead and the follow-up assessment averaged just 196 days, or about six months. That is not much time for anyone to make improvements in stability and resources or to increase monthly income, reduce monthly and total debt, increase assets, and decrease the use of public benefits. And yet, you can see the progress made in that short time.

Given more time, outcomes improve, as in the case of 88 graduates from New York who had a full year between assessments. Their lives became more stable, they built higher resources, and the return on investment improved.

This report sums up the hard work of the investigators (as the Getting Ahead participants are called), Getting Ahead facilitators, sponsors, funders, and Bridges communities that support them.

Please feel free to contact me with questions and comments.

Best wishes,
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Summary of National Data

1804 graduates

196 Average days between assessments

Return On Investment Indicators

Increased monthly income: 50%

Decreased monthly debt: 53%

Decreased total debt: 51%

Increased assets: 39%

Decreased use of benefits: 37%

Building Resources

Highest six resources: increase of 16% to 19%

1. Use of Hidden Rules
2. Language
3. Relationships
4. Financial
5. Emotional

Lowest three resources: 11% to 15% increase

1. Physical
2. Spiritual
3. Integrity

Increasing Stability

Highest five stability factors: 24% to 27% increase

1. Time horizon
2. Bills
3. Emotional
4. Stress
5. Health

Lowest two stability factors: 15% to 16% increase

1. Employment
2. Behavior of children

CharityTracker National Data

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1804 Graduates • 196 Average Days Between Assessments • 85% Model Fidelity Average

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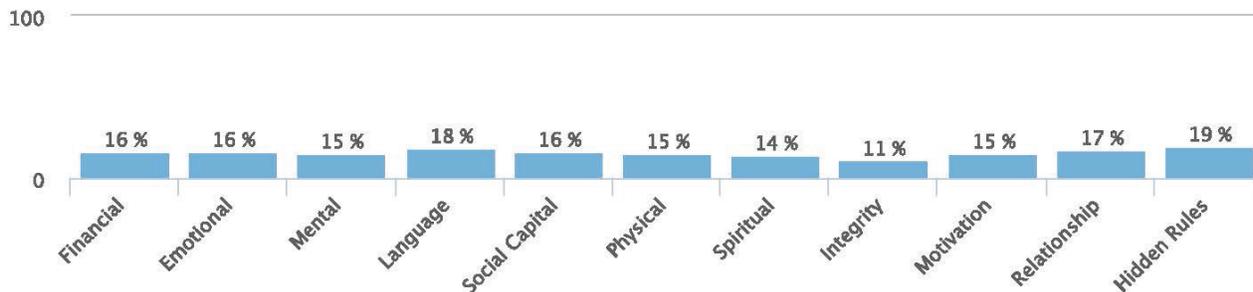
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Resource Increase by Graduates

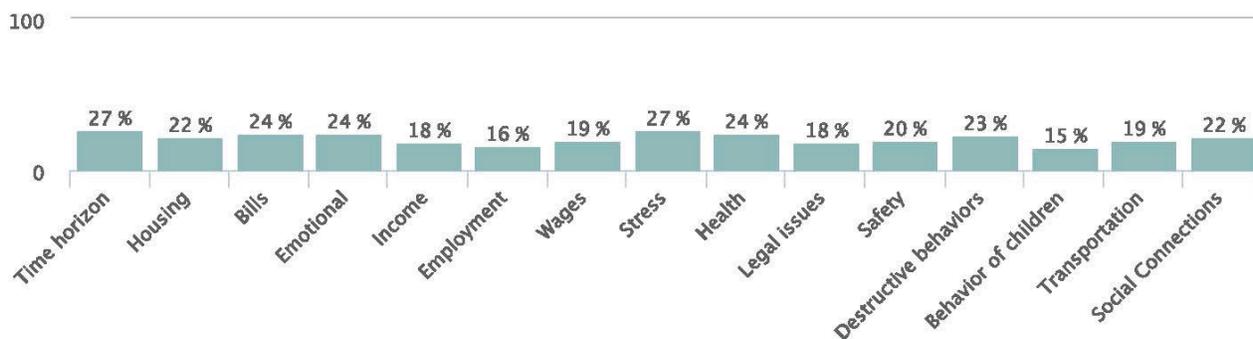
(baseline to most recent assessment – 883 Graduates)



Financial	Emotional	Mental	Language	Social Capital	Physical	Spiritual	Integrity	Motivation	Relationship	Hidden Rules
16%	16%	15%	18%	16%	15%	14%	11%	15%	17%	19%

Stability Increase by Graduates

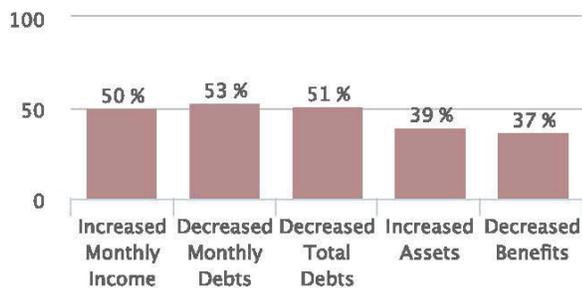
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Time horizon	Housing	Bills	Emotional	Income	Employment	Wages	Stress	Health	Legal issues	Safety	Destructive behaviors	Behavior of children	Transportation	Social Connections
27%	22%	24%	24%	18%	16%	19%	27%	24%	18%	20%	23%	15%	19%	22%

ROI Indicators for Graduates

(baseline to most recent assessment – 622 Graduates)



CharityTracker New York Data

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88 Graduates • 370 Average Days Between Assessments • 85% Model Fidelity Average

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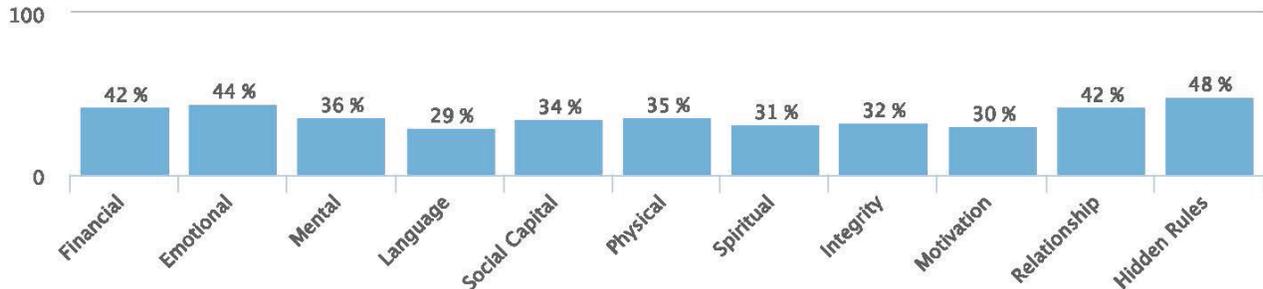
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Resource Increase by Graduates

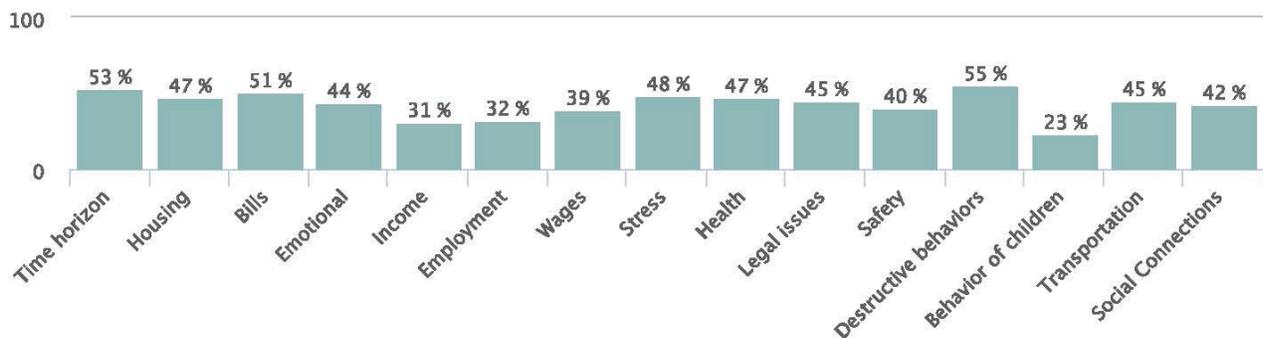
(baseline to most recent assessment – 88 Graduates)



Financial	Emotional	Mental	Language	Social Capital	Physical	Spiritual	Integrity	Motivation	Relationship	Hidden Rules
42%	44%	36%	29%	34%	35%	31%	32%	30%	42%	48%

Stability Increase by Graduates

(baseline to most recent assessment – 88 Graduates)



Time horizon	Housing	Bills	Emotional	Income	Employment	Wages	Stress	Health	Legal issues	Safety	Destructive behaviors	Behavior of children	Transportation	Social Connections
53%	47%	51%	44%	31%	32%	39%	48%	47%	45%	40%	55%	23%	45%	42%

ROI Indicators for Graduates

(baseline to most recent assessment – 86 Graduates)

