

Philip DeVol



Philip DeVol of Marengo, Ohio, has been training and consulting on poverty issues since 1997. He is co-author of *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals* with Ruby K. Payne and Terie Dreussi-Smith, and most recently he co-authored *Bridges Across Every Divide: Policy and Practices to Reduce Poverty and Build Communities* with Eugene K. Krebs (2018). In 2012, he updated the popular *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life* (2004) to help people in poverty investigate the impact of poverty on their communities and themselves. He also co-authored *Getting Ahead while Getting Out: A Prisoner Reentry Model* (2015) with Michelle Wood and Mitchell Libster. DeVol's 2010 work *Investigations into Economic Class in America*, co-authored with Karla M. Krodel, applies the Getting Ahead concepts to college life for under-resourced postsecondary students. *Investigations* received the 2011 Distinguished Achievement Award in the Curriculum—Adult Life Skills category and was recognized as a finalist for the 2011 Golden Lamp Award and as a finalist for the 2011 Innovation Award by the Association of Educational Publishers, leading to an invitation to showcase the work at a Capitol Hill briefing. A collection of DeVol's essays and articles was also published under the title *Bridges to Sustainable Communities, Revised Edition* (2015). DeVol wrote *Getting Ahead in the Workplace*, for businesses, also in 2015.

DeVol works nationwide and internationally with communities that apply *Bridges Out of Poverty* constructs, including sites in Canada, Australia, Scotland, and Slovakia. In fact, *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life* and *Bridges Out of Poverty* have been translated into Slovak, and Bridges Communities in Slovakia have so far been awarded two European Union grants to further the work there.

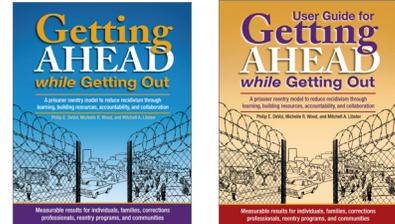
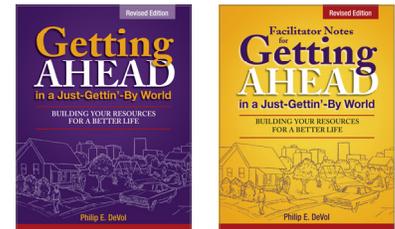
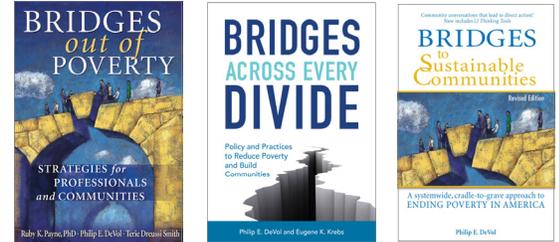
Bridges Communities bring together people from all classes, political persuasions, and sectors to address all causes of poverty in a systemic way. DeVol holds quarterly phone conferences with Bridges Communities to assist knowledge transfer between the many individuals, organizations, and communities that are adopting Bridges principles into their settings and developing new levels of expertise.

In addition to writing and consulting, DeVol coordinates aha! Process's collaborations with other organizations to effect innovative, high-impact strategies for ending poverty and building sustainable communities where everyone can do well.

Selected Workshops and Products by Philip DeVol

Philip DeVol presents Bridges Across Every Divide, Applying Bridges Concepts; Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World; Getting Ahead in the Workplace; and Getting Ahead while Getting Out, a reentry model.

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With consultants and publications around the world, aha! Process helps communities move individuals, families, and entire neighborhoods out of poverty and into sustainability and growth.