The journey out of poverty begins with this step

Join us as we embark on our local Bridges out of Poverty initiative, building upon the Toyota-sponsored 2019 LCRB Legislative Summit & Mobile Outreach Tour, which focused on poverty and its ripple effects.

Bridges out of Poverty is a nationally acclaimed program based on the work and research of Dr. Ruby Payne. Bridges brings together people from all sectors and economic classes to learn concepts, perspectives and strategies to effectively "bridge" individuals and communities from poverty to economic stability.

This initiative has been proven to change the trajectory of life for communities' most fragile residents and, at the same time, transform these communities into more inclusive and prosperous places to learn, work and raise families.

Our 2020 Vision

Since our first Toyota-sponsored Legislative Summit in 2015, our leaders have united to drive positive change in Lincoln County by
addressing barriers to our local children's and families' mental health needs. With every summit, we have realized tangible progress from engaging our community.

Following our Bridges out of Poverty workshop, which will serve as our 2020 Legislative Summit, we will work to achieve measures, such as:

- Partnering with municipalities to establish a housing authority function, whereby landlords must seek permits before renting to ensure the residence is safe and suitable for human occupancy (following a successful measure adopted in Warren County to rid communities of "slum landlords")

- Collaborating with our chambers of commerce to support local businesses whom employ low-income workers to create employment sustainability programs, such as mentoring and a transportation network to avoid absenteeism and promote productivity

- Developing a “launch” program to support community members working to bridge themselves from poverty to middle class

- Enhancing collaboration and education among Lincoln County's system of care, including social service, educational, health, ministerial and charitable institutions, to knock down barriers to economic and educational gains among our impoverished population

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**Workshop Details**

**What:** 2020 Legislative Summit, Bridges out of Poverty Workshop  
**When:** Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., lunch provided  
**Cost:** Free but must register with the LCRB in advance  
**Where:** Troy, MO (Exact location to be determined based on number of Lincoln County participants)

To RSVP or receive follow-up communications, contact the [LCRB](#).