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Registration Extended for ‘Bridges Out of Poverty’ Workshop

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The registration deadline has been extended for “Bridges Out of Poverty” a Feb. 5 workshop designed to provide a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those who live in and have lived in poverty, and their strengths.

The workshop, co-sponsored by Prudential, will be offered in Dubuque for social, health, legal, educational, and business professionals on **Friday, February 5**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loras College Alumni Center, 1450 Alta Vista, in Dubuque. The cost to participate in the workshop is \$45 per person, which includes lunch and a copy of Dr. Ruby Payne’s book, “Bridges Out of Poverty.” **The new deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 1.** Social work continuing education units (CEUs) are available through Loras College for an additional \$5. Foster care CEUs are available at no charge. For registration information, please contact the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque at (563) 588-2700.

Topics to be covered in the February 5 workshop include:

- identifying resources and building strengths,
- the social and political factors affecting poverty,
- the hidden rules of both poverty and middle class
- better communication through understanding the registers of language, and
- family structure and personal identity.

“Bridges Out of Poverty” will be presented by Jim Ott, a psychologist with the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency serving schools in Jackson County, as well as three guest speakers. The workshop is sponsored by the Prudential, First Baptist Church of Dubuque, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and the City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department.

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