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# NEWS RELEASE

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## January's 'Big View' Meeting Focuses on the Causes of Poverty

DUBUQUE, Iowa –The public is invited to attend the Circles® Initiative “Big View” meeting from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, at Prescott Elementary School, 1151 White Street. The meeting will begin after a free meal at 5:45 p.m. in the Prescott School cafeteria.

National Trainer and Consultant for *Bridges out of Poverty* Jim Ott will present a workshop exploring the research related to the causes of poverty. Ott is a school psychologist with Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency serving schools in Jackson County. He has been active in facilitating Dubuque's *Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World* initiative, a curriculum designed to assist low-income families in developing a path to a stable, secure life for their family.

The meeting is offered as part of the monthly Big View series of meetings of the City of Dubuque's Circles® initiative, a campaign to transform communities by building relationships that inspire and equip people to end poverty. Each month, a Big View meeting is held on a topic that invites the community to provide input and support to the systemic issues related to poverty.

For more information, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/circles](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/circles) or contact Circles Coach Ermina Soler at (563) 589-4230 or [esoler@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:esoler@cityofdubuque.org). Circles® is co-sponsored by the City of Dubuque's Housing Department, DubuqueWorks, and Project HOPE, under a contract with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

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