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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Openings Available for ‘Bridges Out of Poverty’ Workshop, May 8

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Openings remain for those interested in attending the Dubuque Circles® Initiative’s annual “Bridges Out of Poverty” workshop on Thursday, May 8, at the Holiday Inn Grand Ballroom, 450 Main St., in Dubuque. The workshop is designed to provide insight into both the challenges and strengths of those who live in or have lived in poverty.

The workshop will be offered to social, health, legal, educational, and business professionals, as well as the general public, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Cost to participate is \$60 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, beverages, and a book. Social work continuing education units (CEUs) are available through Loras College for an additional \$5. Registration is available online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty), or by contacting Ermina Soler at 563-690-6109.

The workshop is based on the book, “Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities” by Dr. Ruby Payne and will be facilitated by certified trainers, Jim Ott, a school psychologist with the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, and Ermina Soler, Circles Coach for the City of Dubuque, who brings real-life experience to the team.

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