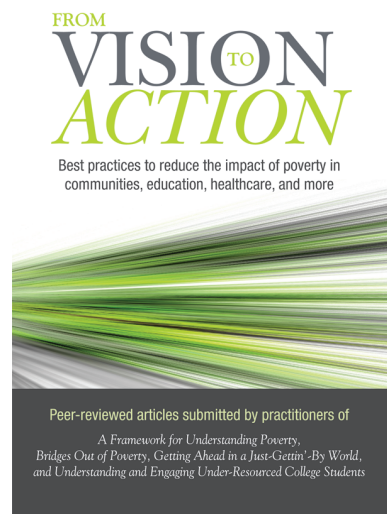


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## Summary:

The number of people who are living in poverty and high-stress, unstable situations is increasing significantly. Instability and poverty prevent the growth of resources, require a set of survival rules and limit what people think is possible. The urgency to find solutions is felt not only by those in poverty but by their families, friends and communities.

Every day individual future stories of opportunity are being written. There's great work being done – in education, communities, employment, healthcare, the legal system and elsewhere – that includes new models and methods, cooperation among people from all classes and a growing set of strategies that address poverty.

Leaders who have worked with *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, *Bridges Out of Poverty*, *Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World* and *Understanding and Engaging Under-Resourced College Students* were asked to respond to three simple questions:

- What was your challenge?
- How did you meet the challenge?
- What results did you get?

Now educators, community leaders, employers and other professionals who work with people in poverty have a compilation of best practices by their peers. The authors of these articles are truly catalysts for change in their communities. They are shifting paradigms and changing the way we work with those who are striving to get ahead in these uncertain times.

## Related Resources:

- *A Framework for Understanding Poverty, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* (AHA8885)
- *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities* (AHA8834)
- *Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World Workbook* (AHA8796)
- *Facilitator Notes for Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World* (AHA8788)
- *Understanding and Engaging Under-Resourced College Students* (AHA2561)

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