



SELF's Programs

As Butler County's community action agency, SELF exists to enhance the quality of life for Butler County residents by impacting the causes of poverty and empowering individuals to achieve, sustain and advocate self-sufficiency. In 2016, SELF served nearly 6,000 **families**, many through programs designed to help low-income people find a path that allows them to lead themselves out of poverty. SELF currently offers the following programs and services:

- **Build-Up Academy**- teaches low-income adults (ages 18-40) construction skills and connects them to apprenticeships, jobs and advanced training programs. Employment training and hands-on work included!
- **Butler County Microenterprise and Microloan Program** – helps low- and moderate-income individuals to learn in group workshops about all aspects of starting a business including hands-on assistance in writing a business plan and the opportunity to apply for a **loan of up to \$5,000 to launch the business**. Two other organizations are partners in the program.
- **“Getting Ahead” classes** – “Getting Ahead in a just Gettin' by World” is a workshop that assists individuals living in poverty to evaluate their lives and to develop the life skills necessary to survive and flourish. GA participants develop a series of mental models to examine their own pasts and create new futures.
- **Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair and Group Workcamps Projects** –volunteer-driven home repair projects in Butler County which help homeowners: primarily low-income senior citizens and people with disabilities. Activities spike in the summer during Group Workcamps week. **Free home repairs and mobility modifications helped over 100 homeowners last year.**
- **Individual Development Account (IDA) program** -- financial literacy classes and goal-specific education combined with matched savings accounts for low- to moderate-income clients so that they can acquire a home, start a business or access higher education. **Client savings are matched by SELF \$2 to every \$1!**
- **JOBS NOW!** -- a powerful employment and education program for low-income individuals to improve economic stability through obtaining employment or better employment. The 12-week program provides comprehensive assessment; a 3-week, 15-hour skills workshop taught by business professionals; limited emergency services, such as utility assistance, interview clothing and job-related transportation; and most importantly, job leads.
- **Emergency Home Energy Assistance and Summer Cooling Programs** -help for low-income families being threatened with shut off of heat in the winter or electric in the summer. In addition, SELF verifies and re-verifies participants on the Percentage of Income Payment Plans (PIPP) Plus program, administers several fuel funds and assists with intake for free weatherization services.



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2017 SELF Program Schedule

Build-Up Academy:

Mondays- Thursdays from 6pm-9pm @SELF's Hamilton Office

- February 13-April 17, 2017
- September 11-November 13, 2016

Getting Ahead:

Various time and locations—childcare provided!

- January 9-May 15, 2017 (Mondays from 9:15am-11:30am at the Hamilton Early Learning Center)
- January 31-April 4, 2017 (Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:15-3:30pm at the Middletown Early Learning Center)
- January 31-May 30, 2017 (Tuesdays 6:00pm-8:30pm at the Faith Community United Methodist Church in West Chester)
- FALL SESSIONS: 2 Sessions from August-December (Dates TBD 12:30-3pm @The Booker T. Washington Center in Hamilton on Thursdays and @ The Sonny Hill Center in Middletown on Mondays)

IDA:

Thurs. from 6pm-8:30pm @ SELF, 1790 S. Erie Hwy., Suite A-C, Hamilton, OH

- January 19-March 2, 2017
- April 6-May 18, 2017
- September 21-November 2, 2017

JOBS NOW!:

Tues. and Thurs. from 10am to 12:30pm

Hosted at Hamilton Lane Tech Center

- January 24- February 9, 2017
- March 14-30, 2017
- May 2- 18, 2017
- July 11- 27, 2017
- September 12- 28, 2017
- October 10- 26, 2017
- November 7- 23, 2017
- *Transportation Available!*

Microenterprise Small Business Program:

Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm@ SELF, 1790 S. Erie Hwy., Suite A-C, Hamilton, OH

- Hamilton Session: February 22-May 3, 2017
- Middletown Session: May 24-August 2, 2017 (Location TBD)
- Hamilton: September 20-November 29

Neighbors Who Care: Free Home Repair

Intake & Repairs Year-round for Homeowners

- Group Workcamp Week-July 9-14
- SOS Vineyard Blitz Week-June 20-23

Utility Assistance:

- Winter Crisis Program: Nov. 1, 2016-March 31, 2017
- Summer Crisis Program: July 1-August 31, 2017

Weatherization: *Intake year-round for homeowners and renters!*