

Arkansas Legislative Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Promoting Economic Opportunity



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Town Hall Meeting Seeking Input on Poverty in Northeast Arkansas

Legislative Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Promoting Economic Opportunity Visits Jonesboro

JONESBORO, Ark. (July 21, 2010) – The Arkansas Legislative Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Increasing Economic Opportunity will hold a Town Hall Meeting in Jonesboro, Arkansas on July 29, 2010 from 6-8:30p.m.. The Town Hall meeting, organized by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, will be held at City Youth Ministries, 118 Burke Avenue, Jonesboro, AR 72401.

The purpose of the Town Hall meeting is to bring together participants from across Northeast Arkansas to have a facilitated discussion about ways to help families get out of poverty. The final product will be a list of ideas for ways to reduce poverty in communities and statewide that can be brought back to the Legislative Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Increasing Economic Opportunity for inclusion in a report that will be sent to the Governor's office for review and implementation.

Community and civic leaders, business leaders, policymakers, educators, young people, members of low-income families, and individuals interested in helping others are invited to come and share ideas on July 29th in Jonesboro. For more information or to RSVP, please call Regan Gruber Moffitt at (501) 376-6854 or email rmoffitt@wrfoundation.org.

About the Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Promoting Economic Opportunity

The Arkansas Legislative Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Promoting Economic Opportunity was created by Act 722 of 2009. The Taskforce, which includes legislative, community, and nonprofit members, is charged with duties and responsibilities including: (1) gathering information about the number of people in poverty and the risk factors and causes of poverty, (2) identifying the negative impact of long-term poverty and the costs of poverty, (3) assessing existing programs and policies addressing poverty, (4) developing public policy recommendations to reduce poverty on a statewide or regional basis, and (5) establishing measurable benchmarks for the elimination of poverty. For more information on the Arkansas Legislative Taskforce on Reducing Poverty and Promoting Economic Opportunity, go to <http://bit.ly/d6QxNr>.

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