HORIZONS
Timeline and Details

September – October 2006:
One-day Showcase held in three communities in northern Idaho. At least five people in the interested communities must attend one of these events designed to familiarize citizens with the Horizons program.

The dates are:
Riggins: September 27, 2006
Moscow: September 30, 2006
Worley: October 3, 2006

October – December 2006:
Organize community conversations about poverty and begin leadership training.

January – July 2007:
Complete community conversations and leadership training. At least 30 people must complete community conversations and 25 people must complete leadership training.

August – October 2007:
Complete a community visioning process.

November 2007 – June 2008:
The community receives training and participates in activities designed around community interests.

July – August 2008:
Final evaluation and celebration.

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Reaching out... building thriving communities in rural Idaho

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE POVERTY

One in six of Idaho's children and one in eight of all the state's residents live in poverty.* Idahoans know that some of their fellow community members are stressed financially, yet a great majority are optimistic that the number struggling to get by can be reduced.**

The Horizons program, a partnership between University of Idaho Extension and the Northwest Area Foundation, builds leadership in communities coping with change. The program is available in northern Idaho towns with between 100 and 5,000 residents and poverty rates of at least 10 percent.

*U.S. Bureau of the Census
**Northwest Area Foundation, 2005

"Horizons was phenomenal for us! We all had the same vision for our community, so our individual interests became part of the solution. Information sharing was key. ...and I learned I **am** a capable leader."

Idaho Horizons Participant

Horizons is designed for communities ready to gather people together to work toward positive change.

In a Horizons community...

- **Folks come to understand their neighbors.**
- **Energy is directed toward developing a community with "heart."**
- **Unique partnerships foster creative solutions.**
- **People understand that poverty is more than lack of money.**
- **Community spirit rallies people to initiate powerful changes.**

Individual Horizons participants...

- **Develop skills in leadership, visioning and strategic planning.**
- **Take personal ownership of their community's future.**
- **Choose to take leadership roles in making change.**

How do we become a Horizons community?

- **At least five local residents attend a Showcase to learn about the program.**
- **Participants work with UI Extension to organize community conversations and leadership training. Local individuals volunteer to be trained and lead these group efforts.**
- **At least 30 residents (or 2% of the population if the community has over 1,500 residents) join the community conversations (10 hours).**
- **At least 25 people participate in leadership training (30 hours).**
- **At least 5 percent of the community moves on to visioning and customized strategy development.**
- **Participants develop a work plan for poverty reduction, leadership development, and balanced change/sustainability for the community.**