



Home Visit Mentoring Tips

Making our interactions transformational.

Pray to the Holy Spirit for the guidance to empower, not enable.

Listen, listen, listen to the Neighbor – what is said and not said. Do your best to put aside your own mindset.

Never forget that, for systemic change to occur, the Neighbor must be engaged in the identification of the root causes of their poverty and the creation of strategies for overcoming it.

Never do for the Neighbor what they are capable of doing for themselves.

Complete a [budget form](#) with the Neighbor; have them identify money-saving opportunities.

Ask the Neighbor their hopes and dreams. Refer them to the following agencies that can walk with them to reach their goals:

- [Prosperity Connection](#); contact Prosperity Connection to provide the Neighbor's name and your conference as the referrer.
- [Operation Hope](#); free financial coaching and mentoring for up to two years.
- [Pathways to Progress](#); free case management for several years; available in North St. Louis County and for St. Matthew and Sts. Teresa and Bridget in North St. Louis City; contact Julie Komanetsky at juliek@svdpstl.org.

Use your social capital to connect the Neighbor to skills programs, employment opportunities, etc.

Encourage the Neighbor to use their talents to get involved in their community.

Report recurring themes to the Voice of the Poor Committee at vopstlouis@gmail.com and include them in your ServWare notes. We want to know the obstacles identified by our Neighbors as keeping them in poverty.