

# Montgomery Moving Forward

Mobilizing leaders to work across sectors to solve our biggest problems together

Montgomery Moving Forward (MMF) is experimenting with a new way of working together to solve problems. We will find **common ground**, come to a **common vision** and embrace specific and **actionable plans** to tackle our problems.

MMF is building on the collective people power and talent in Montgomery County to bring together committed and invested leaders from all of our communities and professions – including education, business, philanthropy, nonprofits and government.

Montgomery County has real problems – ranging from environmental sustainability and the lack of affordable housing, to growing poverty rates and a shortage of qualified workers, to school achievement gaps and childhood obesity.

The good news is that many problems are new to the County and therefore not intractable. We have veteran and emerging leaders who bring vision and insight to the table. We have the resources, intellectual capital and will to solve our problems. That's what MMF is all about.

## Our first issue: jobs

To begin, MMF is focusing on workforce development – leading a community-wide conversation on how best to train and match more Montgomery County residents with the good jobs of the future, so that more residents achieve self-sufficiency, more businesses find qualified workers, and more communities contribute to county-wide prosperity.

## What makes MMF different?

We are collaborative, not competitive.

We are a vehicle for change,  
not an organization or program.

Leaders from across sectors  
have joined our effort.

See back for MMF leadership group.

## Learn more and get involved.

- ▶ Sign up for the MMF E-update.  
Contact Mindy Chong:  
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- ▶ Be part of MMF's first issue: jobs.  
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- ▶ Spread the word.  
Tell colleagues and community leaders  
about MMF and how they can get involved.

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