

How much does it cost?

As with any true partnership, costs for the LEAD program are shared. Tuition is \$199 per participant (checks to be made payable to Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce) and helps cover expenses for an afternoon retreat, state government trip, program materials and guest speakers. Employers or civic groups may be willing to share this expense with participants. *Note: Registrants who pay prior to November 1, 2016 are eligible for a 10% discount.*

Additional support for travel, meals, supplies and general administration is provided by local businesses, organizations, government and University of Illinois Extension.

Why now? Having effective leaders provides the basis for improving the quality of life in a community. As statesman Adlai Stevenson said, "Change is inevitable. Change for the better is a full-time job." Don't wait to start. Plan to **LEAD** today.

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are designed to facilitate the activities of communities, local governments, and citizens groups in dealing with issues, problems, and opportunities affecting them. Our mission is to assist citizens in collecting and analyzing information vital to rational decision making, selecting and implementing a desired course of action, and identifying and using appropriate resources.

For more information, contact one of the following:

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact our office. Universidad de Illinois ofrece igualdad de oportunidades en programas y empleo. Si usted necesita un ajuste razonable para participar en este programa, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina.

Now is the time to take a broad look at your community and its future.

Begin with local people and local resources. Don't rely on a piecemeal path to the future.

Start building tomorrow today.

You will learn how to create successful communities.

What is the LEADership Academy?

LEAD is a customized approach to building vital communities by increasing effective local leadership. It works because a committee of local citizens, working with University professionals, create the basic program design and content, establish a budget, raise funds, arrange activities and recruit and select participants. The program becomes what you want it to be.

LEAD presents an integrated approach to community development. Topics will include: leadership and community action, economic development, local and state government, population profiles and trends, arts and cultural heritage, education, social services and health care, infrastructure, and the environment.

LEAD is an intensive, demanding and rewarding experience. Discussion sessions are led by community and county leaders, business people, and officials and University of Illinois staff members.

Who can participate? Anyone who wants to:

- ▶ Develop personal leadership skills
- ▶ Improve his/her ability to work with groups
- ▶ Discover what influences community policy
- ▶ Recognize the impact of cultural and socio-economic values on the community
- ▶ Develop and implement action plans

Each participant is both a teacher and student; **LEAD** is an active experience in which participants are responsible for their own learning, while sharing their knowledge with others.

The 2017 LEADership Academy will begin on January 10 and continue each Tuesday afternoon through March 28, 2017 from 1:00—4:00 p.m., with the exception of January 10 and February 28, which will be all day classes. Tuition and completed applications are due by Friday, December 9, 2016 at the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce, 108 West Market, 2nd Floor, Taylorville, IL 62568, or register online with the UI Extension at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>

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