LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

E-Institute: Local Government Programming for Elected and Appointed Officials
This series is designed to strengthen the skills and leadership capacity of elected and appointed officials. Available in podcast and webinar at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lgieen/

Candidate Academy for Elected Officials
Individuals prepare for elected office/public service. Topics include time commitment, media, FOIA/OMA, budgeting, and taxing cycles.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) Training
Training required by the Attorney General to increase compliance with state law concerning FOIA and OMA.

Leadership Education
Includes multi-session leadership academies, community-based programs, and the Annual Illinois Leadership Conference. Programs are targeted to community and organizational leaders.

eLearning Modules
Self-directed online learning modules designed for Extension staff and nonprofit managers. Modules cover a variety of topics related to research and project management.

Real Colors for Communication Styles
Develop an understanding of different communication styles and ways of processing information. For individuals and groups such as schools, businesses, governments, and community organizations.

Age Matters
Four-module program addressing generational values and historical influences. Modules focus on generations as consumers, employees and volunteers.

Connecting Generations
Pairs middle and high school students with senior citizens who wish to learn computer and internet basics. Provides seniors with valuable information and enables students to serve their community.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Data for Decision Makers
Helps local government officials, business owners and managers, nonprofit managers, and project managers to find, understand and use secondary data to make decisions.

Building Entrepreneurial Communities
Helps local officials, educators, economic development directors, Chambers of Commerce, and financial institutions understand economic development strategies and policies that support entrepreneurs.

Developing Resilient Downtowns
Provides a variety of learning experiences which inform successful downtown business development initiatives. Creates learning partnerships with public and private organizations.

Downtown Business and Market Analysis
Designed to help local business leaders, entrepreneurs, developers, and economic development professionals understand the changing marketplace and identify realistic business opportunities.

Small Business Education
Business owners and managers, entrepreneurs, local governments, and economic development professionals learn how to develop and use economic development tools.

International Trade for Business Development
Experts from various state/federal agencies teach business owners and managers about the international trade process. Prepares owners/managers to compete worldwide to benefit the local economy.

On the Front Line for Customer Service
Designed to teach employee skills in customer service to groups, organizations, and businesses working directly with the public.

Social Media & Your Business
Owners/managers/employees of small and mid-size businesses learn about the origins of social media and how tools can be used to benefit their businesses and to monitor consumer activity. Available online.

Employable Youth Initiative
Youth workforce preparation: Consumer Savvy; Be the “E” Entrepreneurship; Grab and Go Lessons; Welcome to the Real World; Skills to Pay the Bills; and Mastering Soft Skills for Workplace Development.

Buy Local: A Sustainable Communities Initiative
Helps elected officials, community leaders, residents and youth understand the importance of “buying local” to the sustainability of local, regional, and state economies.

Agritourism (including Barn Quilts)
Stakeholders in the area come together to create the framework of the specific agri-tourism activity best suited to the needs of their community.

Poverty Simulation
This simulation addresses the challenges of living with limited resources and an abundance of stress. A role play format serves as a powerful vehicle to address real world obstacles to food and shelter security.

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