
Neighborhood Leadership Program

Strengthening Leadership Across Saint Paul Neighborhoods

Six-Month Leadership Training

~ Information Sheet ~

The Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) reflects a shared, collaborative leadership model and the philosophy that all people can be leaders. We believe that leadership is: working effectively with others to accomplish shared goals and that the purpose of leadership is to develop and sustain healthy and thriving communities.

Why Participate in NLP?

- Gain greater insight into and awareness of self.
- Develop skills and relationships to work effectively with others.
- Engage, or further engage, in meaningful action in the community.

NLP Experiential Training Approach

Participants are engaged in interactive activities to learn from one another and reflect on their own development. Program participants will:

- Learn concrete skills to advance their work in community.
- Learn about themselves and how they can effectively contribute to community.
- Meet others from a broad range of backgrounds, ages, and cultures.
- Connect with others who are actively involved in strengthening their community.
- Be exposed to opportunities to deepen their own community involvement.
- Receive resource materials to aid in community work.

Training Topics

A range of topics are covered in the program. Representatives of community organizations and programs serve as trainers for several topics. Examples of topics include:

- Understanding your leadership style for work in community.
- Effective communication in neighborhoods.
- Working inclusively in neighborhoods.
- Understanding the dynamics of conflict in communities.
- Project planning and management (participants organize a graduation celebration as part of their training).



Coaching

The NLP coaching opportunity is designed to help establish a one-on-one relationship between existing community and neighborhood leaders and learners. Participants in the program meet with a volunteer personal coach at least four times during the program. The coach asks questions, listens, and serves as a thinking partner for the NLP participant during their community leadership journey.

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*If you have questions, contact PattiJo Verdeja at 651-280-2457 or NLP@wilder.org.
We are happy to work with you to help ensure your full participation in NLP!*

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Participation Criteria

We encourage people from different ages and backgrounds to apply. We strive to have people from a diversity of gender, geography, age, and cultural/ethnic backgrounds in the program. In order to participate in the program, you must:

- Live, work or volunteer in Saint Paul.
- Be 16 years of age or older.
- Attend orientation, overnight retreat, all NLP sessions.
- Pay or obtain sponsorship to cover the minimum \$100 participant fee.



Session Dates, Times, and Locations

All sessions are held at the Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway North (at University Avenue) in Saint Paul, except for the retreat which will be held on November 13-14 at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin. In addition to the overnight retreat, there are seven Monday evening sessions (including the orientation and graduation) and five Saturday sessions. We expect participants to attend all sessions. We understand that unexpected situations may arise and ask participants to inform NLP staff in advance of such an absence.

The dates and times of the sessions are as follows:

<i>Orientation</i> Monday, October 26, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<i>Overnight retreat</i> 3:00pm Friday, November 13 through 5:00 pm Saturday, November 14
<i>Sessions</i> Monday, November 30, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Monday, December 28, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Monday, January 25, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Monday, February 22, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Monday, March 29, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Saturday, December 12, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, January 9, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, February 6, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, March 13, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, April 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
<i>Graduation</i> Monday, April 20, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	

Course Cost and Required Fee

We require that each participant, or their sponsors, pay a minimum fee of \$100 for participation in the program. Over the course of the six-month program, NLP spends approximately \$3,500 on each participant which includes retreat accommodations, session materials, staff time, and meals. We ask that participants, or their sponsors, cover as much of the total \$3,500 cost as possible.



We want to make sure the program is available to everyone who is interested in participating. Some participants have identified a sponsoring organization or scholarship to cover their cost. If you need help identifying an organization or are in need of a scholarship, please indicate this when you receive notification of your acceptance in the Neighborhood Leadership Program.

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APPLICATION

(Due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2009)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____ Teen__ Adult __

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Cellular _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: Home _____ Work _____

Childcare and transportation are available on a limited basis:

Childcare: I will need onsite childcare at sessions: Yes ___ No ___ *(Not available for overnight retreat)*

If yes, I will need childcare for _____ (# of children) and they are the following ages: _____

Transportation: I will need transportation: Yes ___ No ___ *(Provided within city of Saint Paul, if needed)*

Please complete the information below:

1. Your connection to Saint Paul: live, work, or volunteer: _____

2. How long have you lived, worked, or volunteered in Saint Paul? _____

3. Why are you interested in participating in this program?

4. What are two key things you hope to learn by participating in this program?

Please complete both sides.

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