



## Missouri Academy for Leadership & Community Action

### What is the Academy?

The Missouri Academy for Leadership and Community Action is designed to provide you with the critical leadership and management skills you need now and for your future. The Academy is a collaborative learning process that incorporates development, mentoring, networking opportunities and the creation of a portfolio which will allow you to:

- Explore your leadership style
- Develop your leadership aptitude
- Empower yourself and others

### Who should join?

The Leadership Academy is for individuals who have initiative and a vision for the future as well as those who strive for continuous improvement.

### Participant Benefits

Participants will improve their leadership qualities by increasing their awareness, understanding, knowledge and skills in the following areas:

1. Community Action Framework
2. Empowered Change Agents
3. Professional Development
4. Planning
5. Advocacy
6. Community Project Plan

### Components of the Academy

#### Development

Missouri Academy for Leadership and Community Action is a 12-month engagement that gives high-potential leaders the tools, experiences and connections needed to become change agents, inclusive leaders and advocates. The curriculum empowers individuals to take action.

#### Portfolio

One of the core elements of the curriculum is the development and implementation of community action portfolios. Each member will create a portfolio that includes a plan to develop a unique community project

#### Mentoring

Each academy participant will be matched with an Academy Advisor based on individual needs and interests. During the project development phase, ideas and feedback from Academy Advisors and facilitators ensure that each portfolio meets a community need.

#### Networking

Networking with fellow participants, advisors and facilitators is an essential element of the academy.