LEADERSHIP, VALUES AND VISION: TRANSFORMING LIVES AND ORGANIZATIONS

**The Midwest Leadership Institute**

Are you interested in becoming a leader, or a better leader, in your organization and the intellectual and developmental disabilities field? If so, the Midwest Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for you. This intensive, week-long Leadership Institute is being offered in Kansas City, Missouri, April 7-12, 2019.

A select group of future leaders from across the Midwest will convene with a renowned faculty of national experts on progressive supports for people with disabilities. Participants will explore leadership in organizations that provide, advocate for or fund services and supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.

Leadership Institutes emphasize:

- Managing and sustaining values-based transformational change;
- Determining organizational and professional direction;
- Experimentation and risk-taking;
- Assessing and honing leadership skills; and
- Building a life-long professional network to sustain career growth.

**The focus of the Leadership Institute is on supporting participants to determine and set direction to move their organization to a high-performance model and build a lifetime network of peers and leaders to sustain career growth.**

The cost of the Leadership Institute is $1300 (Early Bird due 2/22) or $1500 (Regular Rate due 3/8). Participants are responsible for travel and lodging. Please visit [www.nlcdd.org](http://www.nlcdd.org) for more information.

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**Support models for people with developmental disabilities are transitioning at break-neck speed; little priority and few resources have been directed to leadership development, succession planning and mentoring for the next generation of disability leaders and advocates. An enormous amount of work remains to be done to ensure a world where full participation and meaningful lives for people with disabilities are a reality. This is a moral imperative that can only be achieved by visionary, competent, and passionate servant leaders. That is why the training, development and mentoring offered through the National Leadership Consortium is fundamental and essential.”**

-Renee Pietrangelo, Past CEO, ANCOR
Comments from Graduates about The Leadership Institute

It’s not an understatement to say that this experience is truly life changing. I’ll never think about myself, our work and how people are supported in the same way...and that’s a very good thing. This Leadership Institute has made me feel uncomfortable and yet more sure of who I am at the same time. I highly recommend it!

-Mindi Mitchell, Vice President of Operations, RISE Services, Inc., Oregon, Summer 2013 Leadership Institute

I feel better prepared and more empowered to make the changes needed to help people with disabilities live more meaningful lives and have the ability to choose what makes their lives meaningful.

-Katherine Becker, Policy Administrator II, Nebraska DHHS - Division of Developmental Disabilities, January Leadership Institute 2019

Attending the Leadership Institute is something I would recommend for anyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of others, staff, peers, and people supported. This opportunity affords you the time and tools to really evaluate who you are as a leader and who you want to be as a future leader.

-Tanya Johnson, Residential Dir., Adult Learning Systems of Oregon, Oregon, Winter 2014 Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute energized me and made me realize all leaders need to attend to re-commit to their vision and to be with other leaders to discuss their biggest obstacles and greatest successes!

-Tiffany Devon, Dir. of Communications, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, July Leadership Institute 2018

It was wonderful to spend a week with such a unique group of individuals and presenters who share in the same vision. It was an intense week that brought focus to the important work we do and encouraged our individual leadership development. For me, one of the most important takeaways from this week were the connections and relationships we built. I am so grateful for this opportunity, it was a very worthwhile experience.

-Danielle Reed, Center for Human Development, Alaska, UCEDD 2015 Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute was an excellent opportunity to not only develop my leadership skills but to build my networks. We are all in this together and together we will make the change!

-Nancy Plater, Director of Residential Services, Niagara Support Services, Ontario Leadership Consortium 2017

I can’t recommend the Leadership Institute highly enough. The faculty and curriculum will challenge you to expand your thinking and really assess your role in serving those with developmental disabilities. I leave with a firmer sense of myself as a leader in this field, and with renewed energy to make our system the best it can be. Thanks to the whole team!

-Barry Jardini, California Disability Services Association, California, California Leadership Institute 2016

If was an AMAZING week. Not only was I able to look at issues within the field, but I was able to assess my organization’s role. Most importantly, I was able to reflect about my strengths, passions and areas where I need to improve. It was an action-oriented week which was refreshing, and I feel armed with tips and tools to be an agent of change in my organization and community.


Anyone working in the field of developmental disabilities should attend this institute. It clarified my values and helped me on my journey to be the leader I’ve always wanted to become. A transformational experience! Not only for me, but for the people we support. I can’t wait to return and start to make positive change!

-Liane Wilson, VP of Community Services, Home of Guiding Hands, July Leadership Institute 2018