

What is the BEST Leadership Institute?



The BEST Leadership Institute is the place in Genesee County that offers comprehensive, professional development for motivated people who want to give back to their community through the nonprofit sector.

This one-year program of education and enrichment will give you essential resources and practical knowledge to transform you and your leadership capability.

ANALYSIS. The Leadership Effectiveness Analysis™ measures your abilities in six areas: creating a vision, developing “followership,” implementing the vision, following through, achieving results and team playing.

UNDERSTANDING. You will receive a personalized debrief about the results of your analysis so that you understand your strengths and opportunities for improvement.

COACHING. You will be paired with a consultant for one-on-one coaching that is tailored to your schedule, needs and interests.

APPLICATION. You and your coach will devise specific practice and application exercises that will solidify your understanding of key leadership and management principles.

EDUCATION. You may attend as many BEST workshops as you would like during the year. Workshops and training are taught by experts and cover a variety of critical nonprofit topics.

NETWORKING. Your “class” will get together six times during the year to discuss and learn from each other and from experts.

CONTINUING EDUCATION. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a stipend to attend additional BEST workshops, as well as invitations to alumni roundtable sessions.

In short...the BEST Leadership Institute is an unprecedented opportunity for you to reinforce your passion with knowledge, equipping you for long-term effective involvement in the nonprofit sector.

Who Can Apply?

The BEST Leadership Institute is a vital resource to people who are near the beginning of their nonprofit career, but who are committed to developing their professional skills and applying them to one or more organizations. This could include anyone: volunteers, board members, executive directors, staff members, or community members at large.

Prerequisites

- Two years of nonprofit experience in any capacity.
- Current direct involvement (paid or volunteer) with one or more nonprofit organizations.
- Attendance at one of four information sessions (see the schedule to the right).
- Completion of an application form.
- Must be a Genesee County resident or work with a Genesee County nonprofit.

Applications will be due on September 26, 2011. Semifinalist candidates will be interviewed, and eighteen finalists will be chosen by November 18, 2011 for the class of 2012.

Take The First Step Today!

If you would like to explore this unique opportunity, please plan to attend one of the following information sessions. We will talk more about the program commitment, discuss fees, provide a copy of the application, and answer your questions. **Your attendance at an information session is a prerequisite for consideration in the BEST Leadership Institute.**

All information sessions will be hosted at the BEST Project office in the YWCA building, 310 E. Third, Flint.

- **Tuesday, August 30, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, August 31, 8:00 am – 9:30 am**
- **Thursday, September 8, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday, September 10, 9:30 am – 11:00 am**



Get Registered

Visit www.bestprojectonline.org and click “EVENTS” to register for one of the information sessions. Contact Jenni Dones of the BEST Leadership Institute at 810.232.8000 if you have any questions. There is no cost for the information session, and no commitment is required at that time.



Tap Into Your Personal Potential

Nonprofit organizations do vital work in Flint and Genesee County. Their achievements are credited to passionate, dedicated, competent people who understand how to lead and motivate nonprofit organizations.

YOU could be one of those people! The BEST Leadership Institute is a place where emerging leaders can hone their skills through personalized coaching and broad-based learning. Your experiences at the Institute will help you:

- understand your unique abilities and skills.
- enhance your leadership qualities.
- transform your community through involvement in nonprofit work.

The BEST Leadership Institute is a program of the BEST Project, a strategic initiative developed by the Flint Funders Collaborative. Its mission is to strengthen the nonprofit sector of Flint and Genesee County by providing access to high-value learning opportunities and expert consulting resources.



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