

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Reception and Orientation

Session 1.....Opening Retreat (ATTENDANCE MANDATORY)

Session 2.....Health/Human Services and Quality of Life Day

Session 3.....Education Day

Session 4.....Military Day

Session 5.....Courts, Local and State Government Day

Luncheon.....Joint meeting with Leadership Dothan and Youth Leadership Dothan (ATTENDANCE MANDATORY)

Session 6.....Health Care Day

Session 7.....Public Safety Day

Session 8.....Economic Development Day

Session 9.....Closing Retreat

Graduation

All program days are from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., unless otherwise stated on the session day agenda. Program is from September to May.



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The mission of Leadership Dothan is to build a stronger community by developing leaders who effectively serve and unify Dothan and Houston County. We provide a diverse group of emerging and existing community leaders with opportunities to enhance their community knowledge, civic network and leadership skills.

A program of the Dothan Area Chamber Foundation

Program

Leadership Dothan is a nine-month interactive program that offers current and future leaders an opportunity to develop leadership skills and apply them in the community. Formed by the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce in the fall of 1981, the

program is self-sustaining through tuitions and corporate and civic support. The Leadership Dothan Steering Committee oversees the program and recommends enhancements; all members of the committee are graduates of the program.

Goal The Steering Committee's goal is to conduct an annual program to help participants gain perspective on issues important to the community, interact with regional decision-makers, analyze and develop their leadership style, identify new avenues for civic engagement and learn to build consensus within a team.

Participation All citizens living or working in the Dothan region with a sincere interest in and the

motivation to serve the Dothan area and improve our quality of life are eligible to participate in the program.

Application

Individuals, businesses and community organizations may nominate prospective participants by contacting the Chamber of Commerce. Tuition covers all materials, meals and transportation.

Selection The Leadership Dothan Steering Committee will select 36 participants from all applications received, based on professional and community involvement and leadership aspirations.

Organization Orientation and a twoday opening retreat for Leadership Dothan is held in September, followed by one full-day session each month from October through May. Attendance is mandatory for the opening retreat and attendance at six of the eight program days. Full-day sessions are usually on the third Thursday of the month.

Objective The objective of the full-day sessions is to provide a curriculum with active demonstrations and onsite observation of business, government, community and service networks in the Dothan region.

Format Local leaders and professionals conduct lectures,

panel discussions, simulations and tours to educate participants about the community.

Topics Each year, the Steering Committee establishes the curriculum for the new class based on evaluations from prior classes, current issues and events. Topics covered include education, health care, public safety, the court system, quality of life, community affairs and resources, city, county and state government, military, economic development and workshops.

> **Graduation** After nine months of leadership training, graduates should embrace all opportunities to serve their community in leadership positions. Each participant is awarded a certificate of completion.

Graduate's Future

Leadership participants are expected to support future Leadership Dothan and Youth Leadership Dothan activities and provide a leadership source for the Dothan region.