



WAVES OF LEADERSHIP

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NEIGHBORWORKS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

BOARD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Excellence in Governance Academy

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Excellence in Governance Academy is NeighborWorks America's governance certification program that supports boards to more effectively advance their organization's mission and impact on people and communities. This 18-month online program is designed for board members, chief executives and board support staff who want to sharpen their leadership skills, strengthen their governance strategies and explore promising practices.

Tailored to housing and community development nonprofit boards, EIG Academy combines monthly learning seminars, governance advising, peer learning and national relationship-building to create boards that are more engaged, informed and effective.

PEOPLE MANAGER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Advancing Leaders in Real Estate (ALRE)

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The Advancing Leaders in Real Estate (ALRE) program addresses a critical need for greater bench strength and diversity of skilled nonprofit real estate project managers. ARLE is a 9-month program designed to build the capacity of new and emerging project managers. The program includes a proven, winning combination of formal training, peer learning and mentoring.

Training and Professional Development

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NeighborWorks is the national leader in providing high-quality learning experiences and comprehensive curricula for all levels of staff - novice to advanced. Participants can learn at the popular national NeighborWorks Training Institutes, at courses conducted in a group setting locally, or through convenient and cost-effective online training. Whatever vehicle chosen, rely on NeighborWorks for intensive, high-quality coursework, designed and delivered by expert practitioners and thought leaders in the nonprofit, community development and affordable housing arenas. The knowledge gained and the certificates earned will improve impact and career prospects.

Strong Leaders Program

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The NeighborWorks Strong Leaders Program for Middle Managers is a 9-month program designed to build the management and leadership skill of middle managers who supervise staff in any line of business at nonprofit organizations, and to build their capacity through training and support. Understanding that middle managers have the technical skills required for overseeing programs, this Strong Leaders provides training and support to enhance the skills needed for the management of people and increase leadership skills for long-term professional growth.

RESIDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Building Leaders, Building Communities

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This is a resident leadership experience designed by NeighborWorks America and facilitated locally by community development nonprofit organizations in partnership with residents of the communities they serve. The Building Leaders, Building Communities curriculum includes core concepts around personal leadership, team building and taking action in your community. Together, participants and facilitators walk through topics on relational conversations, leadership styles, community assets, and how to identify and work towards addressing community areas of growth.

Community Leadership Institute (CLI)

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The CLI is the cornerstone of NeighborWorks America's work to build resident leaders and strengthen communities. The CLI enhances the capacity and commitment of local organizations to create community leaders and increase their knowledge, skills, confidence and collective ability.

This year, NeighborWorks is excited to introduce Ignite: Virtual Community Leadership Institute, a reimaged resident leadership experience that expands access through virtual learning opportunities paired with local in-person events and workshops. This approach gives network organizations and resident leaders more flexibility to participate in and invest in resident-led changes.

SENIOR LEADER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NeighborWorks® Achieving Excellence Program

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The NeighborWorks® Achieving Excellence Program (AE), carried out in collaboration with Harvard's Kennedy School, is now accepting applications for its next round, set to begin in February 2027. The proven results of Achieving Excellence demonstrate that it is one of the most high-impact programs in the nation for organizations seeking to transform the way they work for even greater results. This 17-month organizational investment program assists 50 experienced leaders (generally presidents/CEOs) from the fields of nonprofit housing, community and economic development, financing, health and wellness and other organizations working to benefit their communities. Each organization tackles a performance challenge that is most critical to their future success and the communities they serve. With the participant's organizational performance challenge as the focal point, the components of the program include:

- three weeklong, cutting-edge academic sessions developed and delivered by faculty at Harvard's Kennedy School;
- intensive one-on-one executive coaching by a team of top-notch leadership consultants;
- structured peer group learning and best-practice sharing.

Achieving Excellence provides the forum, the challenge, the tools, the space and the opportunity for leaders to transform their organizations to achieve a higher level of effectiveness and sustainability. For more information or for an application, please go to www.neighborworks.org/ae.

Communities of Excellence

Customized program facilitates collaboration and joint learning among individuals from a particular geographic area, or across an umbrella organization or association, a select group of grantees by a particular funder - any group looking to enhance leadership skills among a supportive peer network.

Culture of Excellence

Guides a team of employees within a single organization as they focus on a targeted challenge(s), while building or reinforcing enterprise-wide support for positive change.