

# ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## 2026

Creating a network of willing, knowledgeable, and committed leaders to step up and make a difference in their community!

## PROGRAM PURPOSE

To improve the quality of life of communities by developing more civically engaged leaders with the knowledge, skills, commitment and connections to advance positive change.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Open door to community opportunities.
2. Increase number, quality and diversity of leaders involved in public, non-profit boards/committees and/or volunteer efforts.
3. Build leadership knowledge and skills to understand and address important community issues and opportunities.
4. Connect current and emerging leaders.

## TOPICS

Introduction to Community Leadership  
Personality Strengths  
Managing Conflict  
Interpersonal Communication  
Economic Development and Quality of Place  
Education and Workforce Development  
Local Government  
Branding/Tourism  
Non-profit Boards  
Effective Meetings (and more!)

## SESSION DATES

The program consists of nine, daylong sessions (8:30-4 p.m.). Lunch is provided.

March 25	April 15
May 20	June 17
July 17	August 19
September 16	October 16*
November 18	
December 9 (graduation)	
*subject to change	

## COST

**\$400**

Consider asking your employer or non-profit to sponsor your tuition.  
Need based scholarships are available.

## APPLICATION

Applications are available online at <https://occf-in.org/resources>.

Applications are due by: **2/13/2026**.  
You will receive a confirmation letter the week of February 23rd with further program details upon review of your application and receipt of program fee.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For general inquiries: call 812-203-2232 or email: [tjhall@purdue.edu](mailto:tjhall@purdue.edu)

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