

Mission Statement

The mission of Lead Louisiana is to provide educational experiences relative to leadership that result in participants becoming eligible for certification as Louisiana Lead graduates. The curriculum is designed to increase the leadership knowledge and skills of elected officials, existing and emerging community leaders and volunteers. Graduates will become more engaged in community decision making at the local, parish and regional level to enhance community rural development.

Classes

Foundations of Community Development & Leadership (Class 1)

Instructors: [Dr. James Barnes](#), [Sheila Haynes](#)

Communication / Building Effective Teams (Class 2)

Instructors: Drs. [Cynthia Pilcher](#) and [Kay Lynn Tettleton](#)

Meeting Management and Parliamentary Procedure (Class 3)

Instructors: [Dora Ann Hatch](#) and [Glenn Dixon](#)

Leading Change in Your Parish (Class 4)

Instructors: Drs. [Sandy Dooley](#) and [Kay Lynn Tettleton](#)

Core Values

- People working together can solve problems in communities.
- When diverse people work together on meaningful problem solving activities, they will build relationships that will benefit the community.
- Community problem solving should be inclusive, engaging people of different backgrounds & life experiences.
- Learning is a life-long experience. Everyone can learn new skills that will enhance their ability to participate in community problem solving.

Program Objectives:

- Understand how decisions made by leaders can have both positive and negative effects on community development.
- Understand everyone has different leadership styles and skills.
- Recognize communities can utilize different leadership styles and skills to solve common community goals.

More Information

Please go online and visit www.lsuagcenter.com/drdc. Curriculum, registration and course content are described at this Web site. Simply click on the subtopic **Lead Louisiana**. To read more about the program, visit the **Lead Louisiana** blog at [Http://leadlouisiana.blogspot.com](http://leadlouisiana.blogspot.com). Please contact Dr. James Barnes, assistant professor and director of the LSU AgCenter's Delta Rural Development Center if you have additional questions at (318) 428-3517 or jbarnes@agcenter.lsu.edu.