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## **Best Practices in UWEX Service-Learning**

### **Community Leadership Alliance**

#### **Community and Natural Resource Development and Continuing Education**

The Community Leadership Alliance of Southwest Wisconsin (CLA) is a leadership development program for current and future leaders. The program is a collaboration between the UW-Platteville Office of Continuing Education; UW-Extension of Grant County, Lafayette County and Iowa County; and the Platteville Area Chamber of Commerce. Program goals include: developing individual leadership skills, developing an increased understanding of community issues, and strengthening leadership and community networks in southwest Wisconsin.

Many emerging leaders from the education, business, non-profit and government sectors have participated in the program since its start-up in 2000. Classes meet once per month for 6 months and focus on topics such as: "You as a Leader: Understanding What Makes a Leader", "Community Dynamics 101: How to Bring about Change", and "Garnering Resources and Globalization". Various instructors from the community and UW-Extension lead the classes.

Since participating in the program, participants have been getting more involved in their communities and starting up local projects, including one student who secured a new playground and park. Participants have also become more outgoing and active, and are more likely to run for local office.

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