

Community Organizing Institute for Leadership Spring 2020

Overview

Are you a person who wants to help your community be a better place? Do you notice things that need to change and are you motivated to change them? Ever wonder how?

Join us to learn about Community Organizing!

Community Organizing is the coordination of cooperative efforts carried out by local residents to address community issues and concerns. The Community Organizing Institute for Leadership (COIL) is designed to build the skills of participants to become change-makers in their communities.

COIL is made up of eight classes taking place over the course of two months. We will meet on Thursdays and Fridays on the following dates and times:

Thursday & Friday	March 19 & 20	from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday	April 3	from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday & Friday	April 16 & 17	from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday	May 1	from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday & Friday	May 14 & 15	from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Our commitment:

Upon completion of COIL, participants will have built knowledge and skills in the following topics:

- Leadership
- Community Organizing
- Strategy
- Policy, Systems & Environmental change
- Advocating for community change
- Working with groups
- Facilitation
- Communication
- Civic processes
- Measuring success
- Equity & social determinants of health
- Cultural competence



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Your commitment:

- Come to the classes ready to learn. The days will be jam packed with useful information for you to use.
- Attend every class. Our time together is very short and we can't afford to have you miss a beat. Missing more than one day will require those lessons to be made up during a future series.
- Complete all assigned homework. We want you to apply what you are learning and then come back and talk about it and get your questions answered.

Participants who meet all expectations outlined above will:

- Receive a certificate of completion
- Receive a leadership toolkit
- Be part of a network of community-based community organizers
- Receive support and resources from a Health and Human Services, Public Health (HHSA, PH) Community Organizer in doing an approved¹ community organizing project

If you are interested in being a COIL participant or have questions about COIL, contact Jonathan Chacko at (530) 245-6843 or COIL@co.shasta.ca.us.

¹ As government employees, there are certain activities we cannot support. Any involvement from HHSA, PH Organizers must be approved by HHSA, PH leadership.



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If you are interested in being a COIL participant, fill in the application on the next few pages and submit it by 5:00 pm, January 24, 2020 to:

The Community Organizing Institute for Leadership
c/o Jonathan Chacko
2650 Breslauer Way
Redding, CA 96001

You can also email the completed application to COIL@co.shasta.ca.us.

Applications will be reviewed and participants will be selected by January 31, 2020.

- *While we would love to include everyone, our selection process goal is to build a tight knit group that includes diverse skills and experiences as well as the different areas in which we live, work and play.*

All applicants will be contacted during the first week of February, whether or not they were selected as a participant.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan Chacko at 530-245-6843 or COIL@co.shasta.ca.us.



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Participant Application

Please provide the following information.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone #:	
Text	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email:	

How do you prefer to be contacted (check all that apply)?

- Phone / Voice mail
- Text
- e-mail
- other: _____



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Think about the strengths and/or skills that you have (are you a planner, are you organized, are you an artist, do you work well with your hands, what else?). What strengths and/or skills come to mind that will help you to lead groups?

Share an example of when you have led or organized something (planned a wedding, organized a gift exchange, other)?

- What was your favorite part?

- What was the most difficult part?



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How do you define your community (a geographic area, a religious group, a racial/ethnic group, other)?

What is your current relationship with a community within Shasta county? What is your commitment to improving the lives of Shasta county residents?

In what ways do you currently support your community (do you volunteer your time, participate on councils or boards, what else)?



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What community or group would you like to work with (or already work with) as a leader and community organizer?

How will being part of this Community Organizing Institute for Leadership benefit you and your community?

If you could improve one thing in your community, what would that be and why?

~ Thank you for filling out this application. We look forward to reading it and seeing all the great skills and talents in our community. ~

