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Project A.L.L. Seeking Applicants for Class III

Applications are being sought for the third class of **Project A.L.L.: Academy for Local Leadership** to begin in February, 2010. Sessions will focus on learning and leadership styles, health and human service agencies, the roles and responsibilities of board service, and an expanded network of personal and professional contacts.



What is Project A.L.L.?

Project A.L.L. is a local effort to include more racial and ethnic minority individuals on non-profit and governmental boards and commissions. The project is also committed to providing education to community boards and agencies about the recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented groups and the benefits of diverse and inclusive leadership. Project A.L.L. is a project of the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE), Leadership Lincoln, Inc., and Mayor Chris Beutler's Office.

How to Apply

Application forms can be found [HERE](#), or requested from Leadership Lincoln. Please submit applications by January 22, 2010 to: Project A.L.L., 920 O Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508.

For Additional Information

An Informational Session will be held on January 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at Leadership Lincoln, 920 O Street, Suite 300, for those interested in applying. For further information, please contact Leadership Lincoln 402.441.4661 or CHE 402.436.5516.

Legislative Update - Putting LB128 into Action

Current Project Partners

[Abiding Grace Community Church](#)

[American Red Cross](#)

[ARC of Lincoln/Lancaster County](#)

[Center for People In Need](#)

[Centerpointe, Inc.](#)

[Child Advocacy Center](#)

[City of Lincoln - Emergency Communications Center](#)

[Clyde Malone Community Center](#)

[Community Mental Health Center](#)

[Cornhusker Place, Inc.](#)

[E.D. Connections \(BryanLGH Health System & St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center\)](#)

[Food Bank of Lincoln](#)

[Fresh Start Home](#)

[Friendship Home](#)

During the 101st session of the Nebraska legislature a voter-approved constitutional amendment was ratified to allow for the diversified investment of public endowment funds. Since taking effect, CHE, a public endowment fund, has diversified its investment portfolio. This change will give CHE greater opportunity to increase the size of its fund and provide more support to the Lincoln community. The CHE Board of Trustees and staff appreciate the efforts of Senator Bill Avery, who sponsored the legislation, and to everyone who supported the passage of this important bill.

Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net

At a press conference December 10, 2009 Mayor Chris Beutler announced the release of the final report of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net. The Mayor was accompanied by Kim Russel, President/CEO of BryanLGH Health System, who served as Chair of the Task Force, and Bob Rauner, M.D., a member of the Task Force and incoming President of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians.



The [final report](#) details 23 recommendations to improve Lincoln's healthcare safety net, Lincoln's network of community health centers, free clinics, hospitals, private physicians, and local government, who provide healthcare to uninsured and low-income individuals. Two recommendations that received highest priority include:

1. Assuring that [People's Health Center](#) completes a strategic plan to increase capacity through relocation to a larger facility and/or expanding to satellite clinics; and
2. Explore ways to integrate eligibility assessment, form preparation, and the collection of supporting documentation and the development of a "hub" of patient advocates to personally assist uninsured individuals in appropriately navigating the health/human services system.

Other recommendations involve strategies related to: medical home; safety net efficiencies and enhancements; healthcare volunteers; health information technology; prevention, wellness, and health education; resource development; and implementation. A second phase of work is beginning and CHE is currently accepting applications for funding to help implement the recommendations.

CHE Currently Accepting Grant Proposals

[Houses of Hope](#)

[Indian Center Inc.](#)

[Lancaster County
Medical Society](#)

[Leadership Lincoln,
Inc.](#)

[Lincoln Council on
Alcoholism &
Drugs, Inc.](#)

[LPS/Elliott
Elementary](#)

[Matt Talbot Kitchen
& Outreach](#)

[Milkworks, Inc.](#)

[Mourning Hope
Grief Center](#)

[People's Health
Center](#)

[Region V Systems](#)

[Saint Elizabeth
Foundation](#)

[St. Monica's](#)

[Teach a Kid toFish](#)

During FY2009-10, CHE will make nearly \$1.5 million available to improve community health in Lincoln and to achieve CHE's vision of "making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation." A portion of this funding is available through a competitive grant process in three funding categories: open funding; SPARK! funding; and for projects related to the implementation of recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about CHE's current funding priorities.



As a part of the funding process, CHE staff conducted two workshops during December for individuals interested in applying and learning more about CHE. The workshops were well attended with approximately sixty attendees over the two sessions.

Stage I applications are due Friday, January 15, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.. Interested individuals can find application information and access the online application system through the [CHE website](#).



100 Day Wellness Challenge Begins January 14, 2010

The Nebraska Sports Council is helping to bring a bigger and better wellness challenge to Nebraskans. The N-Lighten Nebraska Challenge is now the Live Healthy Nebraska - 100 Day Wellness Challenge! The Live Healthy 100 Day Wellness Challenge is a team centric weight loss and physical activity program that will assist you and your teammates in making positive changes that lead to a healthier lifestyle. By competing in Live Healthy you will begin to form healthy habits through physical activity and improved nutrition.

Through this program, the Nebraska Sports Council and their sponsors aim to increase awareness of obesity and associated conditions, and to provide the tools, resources, and technology to assist individuals in creating a culture of wellness.

Registration is currently underway for the challenge, which runs from January 14 through April, 23, 2010. Visit LiveHealthyNebraska.org to register and for more information.



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