

**Dalton-Whitfield**  
**EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE FACT SHEET**  
(a program of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce)

**THE DALTON-WHITFIELD EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE** is a leadership skills development program designed so that the participant may gain new skills and knowledge about leadership.

**THE GOAL** of the Emerging Leaders Institute is to provide each participant with the foundation of basic leadership skills and knowledge. The program is designed to develop knowledgeable, skilled, committed and action-oriented leaders. This goal is achieved by a curriculum that has been designed by the Fanning Leadership Institute.

**THE PROGRAM** is designed to assist participants in becoming more knowledgeable about themselves and leadership practices, and develop skills to assist them in becoming stronger leaders. The program is six sessions and conducted over several months. Each session will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude by 5 p.m.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?** The Emerging Leaders Institute is designed for adults interested in leadership development and the curriculum has been developed to increase individual leadership effectiveness. During the six sessions, the participant will spend time understanding their personal leadership style, connecting with community leaders, improving their communication skills and, essentially grooming themselves to blaze their leadership trail. The Steering Committee solicits and reviews nominations for the program and will extend an invitation to approximately 25 to 30 individuals.

**THE CURRICULUM** includes the following:

**Session One:** one day retreat to include an orientation, team building, socio-demographic profile and Understanding Leadership.

**Session Two:** Effective Communication and Group Problem Solving & Decision Making.

**Session Three:** Managing Conflict and Conducting Successful Meetings.

**Session Four:** Local Governance and Community Leaders' Role in Economic Development.

**Session Five:** Valuing Community Diversity and Group Dynamics.

**Session Six:** Building communities through Partnerships and Collaboration, Leading Community Change, and Graduation.

**THE COST** for the Emerging Leaders Institute is \$300 sponsored by the employer and the cost to the participant is \$25. This cost includes all program materials.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to a limited number of participants. For more information, contact Phyllis Stephens at the Chamber of Commerce (278-7373, extension 104).

**COMMENCEMENT** is held on the last day of the session. After the participant has completed the program, a Mentor will be assigned to assist the graduate to continue to develop their leadership skills by getting involved in the community.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** is for large and small business people, community volunteers, professionals, civic/government employees and **YOU!**