



The Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) is a six-month series reviewing multiple leadership topics that will provide attendees with the necessary skills and connections to grow as leaders in Gratiot County.

Please see reverse for additional information.

Session Dates:

(Each is from 8:30 am-1 pm and will include lunch)

Thurs., Sept. 4, 2025: Orientation

Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025: Building Authentic Relationships

Thurs., Nov. 6, 2025: Inner-Reflection & Emotional Resiliency

Thurs., Dec. 4, 2025: Works Well With Others

Thurs., Jan. 8, 2026: Gratiot County

Thurs., Feb. 5, 2026: Launching into Leadership & Graduation

Total cost for all six sessions is \$500.

Limited scholarships are available (see application for more details).

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ABOUT LDW

Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) assists young professionals in developing leadership competencies and building relationships to grow in their careers and the community. Delivered through classroom-based and experiential learning, LDW will require six half-day sessions & some small group work between sessions.

Participants will develop skills such as: leading through authentic relationships, building trust and accountability, aligning leadership with core values, solving problems interdependently, creating professional networks for collaboration, and achieving emotional strength. LDW will provide a broad perspective on Gratiot County, including quality of life components, economic background, current issues, and future opportunities.

Sessions are designed and facilitated by Vicki Pontz, Founder and President of MindFull Strategies. Ms. Pontz served in leadership positions in the private sector, state government, and academic settings for over 30 years. She co-designed and directed the Great Lakes Leadership Academy at Michigan State University. Ms. Pontz also received the 2022 Governor William Milliken Leadership for the Common Good Award.

Ashley Tupper will serve as a co-facilitator for this course. Ms. Tupper received a Bachelor of Science in business administration and Master of Science in Leadership from CMU. She currently works at 3one3 Boutique Hotel as General Manager and Child Advocacy as Family Resource Coordinator, in addition to serving as the Co-Chair for GYPN.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available online (bit.ly/LDW2526). Deadline to apply is 5 PM on Friday, August 1, 2025. Due to limited class size, acceptance into the Leadership Development Workshop is considered competitive. Applications will be reviewed and approved by a selection committee, with notification of status no later than Friday, August 22, 2025.

QUESTIONS?

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