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Coming **TOGETHER** is the beginning.
Staying **TOGETHER** is progress.
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS!



Create Awareness: Community outreach efforts focus on creating awareness of the critical issues impacting our communities, businesses, organizations and generating interest and involvement all across the region.

Connect Critical Partners: A conduit linking regional and state partners to local communities - making resources, training and support accessible to our local communities and counties and creating a stronger and more competitive economic environment in eastern Arkansas.

Leverage Assets: Working to efficiently and effectively leverage existing assets by developing strategic partnerships.

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Economic Development is now a talent war.
In the past, business attracted people.
Today people attract business.

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Every generation needs a new revolution.

-Thomas Jefferson

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The DYP is a self-sustaining, member-based professional development & service program for emerging leaders in the East Arkansas Delta.

The primary service mission of the DYP will be to establish an ongoing mentoring program to model personal and civic responsibility, encourage positive life choices, and cultivate career/life readiness among students in grades 6-12 in the Crossroads Coalition region.

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Year 1: Member recruitment, Professional Development & Social Networking; Develop Youth Mentoring Program

Year 2: Launch youth mentoring program for students in grades 6-12 in the eight county Delta region.

Year 3: Launch of Leadership East Arkansas – 12 month regional leadership training program.

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Delta Young Professionals Kick-Off Event
1.25.13

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▶ **2013 Program Schedule**

- ▶ **January 25:** Kick-Off Brunch at the EACC Fine Arts Center, Forrest City
- ▶ **February 28:** Wine & Cheese Networking, Marianna Community House
- ▶ **March 11:** Taking Care of Business in Arkansas - Tour and reception, Little Rock
- ▶ **April:** BREAK
- ▶ **May 23:** Professional Development Workshop, Empowering Today's Youth, Wynne
- ▶ **June:** Helena 2nd Saturday Festival Networking Event, Downtown Helena
- ▶ **July:** Leadership Conference, West Memphis
- ▶ **August:** Networking Event (TBA)
- ▶ **September:** Professional Development Workshop (TBA)
- ▶ **October:** ASU Red Wolf Tailgate Networking Event in Jonesboro
- ▶ **November:** Professional Development Workshop (TBA)
- ▶ **December:** ICE Gala (Innovation. Collaboration. Education.)

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizen can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

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Pulling it Together

- ❑ Committed Steering Committee
- ❑ Willing & Eager Potential Members
- ❑ Pulled from Existing Networks

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What We’ve Learned So Far

- ❑ The Demand Was Much Greater Than Expected
- ❑ Prepare to Have Dedicated Program Staff

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“Leading Today for a Stronger Tomorrow”

How You Can Engage Youth & Young Adults in Your Communities

- ❑ ASK THEM!!! (What, How, When, Why)
- ❑ And then let them plot the course.

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Final Thought: **SO WHAT?**

If you don't engage youth & young adults in your community *somehow*... what does the future of your community look like?

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