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SOUTHERN RURAL

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• LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT •

ACTIVATING & ENGAGING NEW LEADERSHIP

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EXEC. DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS CRAFT SCHOOL

MY EXPERIENCE WITH **YOUNG PEOPLE**
HAVE BEEN THE MOST **REWARDING!**

PLACE KEEPING > **"PLACE MAKING"**

MOVIES IN THE PARK
DECIDED ON & ORGANIZED BY
LOCAL YOUTH WHO THEN FELT
EMPOWERED TO MAKE CHANGE

Q: HOW DO YOU GET **YOUNG PEOPLE** IN THE DOOR?

A: **FREE FOOD! & MUSIC!**

Chief HAROLD HATCHER SC

CHIEF OF THE WACCAMAW INDIAN TRIBE

NOT A LEADER,
JUST A
DETERMINED INDIVIDUAL

THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET PEOPLE
TO DO ANYTHING IS TO **INFLUENCE**
THEM THAT THEY SHOULD DO IT,
MAKE THEM WANT TO DO IT.
**I REALIZE I'M JUST
A COG IN THE WHEEL.**



YOU HAVE TO HAVE A
BURNING IN YOUR HEART
AND A FIRE IN YOUR GIZZARD!

REGINA NESMITH-DIMERY SC

CHAIRPERSON OF THE LEE COUNTY
RURAL LEADERSHIP/INTERAGENCY COALITION

**DO NOT WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE
TO DO SOMETHING
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING
THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE!**

- MOMMA USED TO SAY ♥

AN ADVOCATE FOR
COALITION WORK
&
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT LEADERS
AT THE TABLES, THESE MOVEMENTS
CAN FLATLINE

HOW DO WE MAKE **LEADERS**
IF THEY CAN'T **READ & WRITE?**

OR **PLAY ON A
PLAYGROUND?**

CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP

EBONY GUY VA

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZER & ADVOCATE

LOCAL CAMPAIGNS
CAN TAKE LONGER TO
WORK OUT BUT THEY ARE
PART OF A **BIGGER
PICTURE.**

LIFE
HAS BEEN MY
BIGGEST TEACHER.

AS I'VE DEVELOPED AS A LEADER
I WANT TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE
FIND THEIR VOICE TOO. WHEN
YOU HELP PEOPLE FIND THEIR
VOICE THAT'S THE MOST
POWERFUL THING YOU CAN DO.

JESSICA MANRRIQUEZ MS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
IMMIGRANT ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE & EQUITY

THE SUPPORT I HAVE
CHALLENGES ME
BUT DOESN'T REQUIRE
ME TO CHANGE WHO I AM
AT MY CORE.

WITH **RURAL LEADERSHIP** YOU MIGHT BE
THE ONE PERSON IN A **50 MILE RADIUS**
THAT KNOWS OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT DOES
SPECIFIC WORK THAT SOMEONE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY NEEDS.



LEADERSHIP STYLES



BOTH ARE VALID!

RANDOLPH KEATON NC

DIRECTOR OF MEN & WOMEN
UNITED FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

WE WANT TO **CULTIVATE** YOUNG PEOPLE
TO LEARN LIFE SKILLS WHICH IS THE
BASIS FOR HOW WE BECOME GREAT
LEADERS. LIKE HOW FARMERS CONDUCT
THEMSELVES. I'M A FARMER AND
I WAS RAISED BY FARMERS.



IT'S NOT ONLY LEADERSHIP BUT IF
THOSE FOLKS WHO HAVE THE RESOURCES
DON'T PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PEOPLE LIKE ME TO UTILIZE MY
LEADERSHIP SKILLS THEN A LOT OF
THE WORK IS **INAUTHENTIC.**