Calendar of Events

February 24, 2026	**Coffee & Connection**

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March 9, 2026

Leadership Theory and Application
Virtual Event - Zoom
12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
Gain an understanding of the evolution of leadership theories and their impact on community and organizational development. Determine which leadership theories and principles best embody your organization, your curriculum choices and desired outcomes. Discover how you can create experiences and practices that help your participants bring theory into life. Practice sharing theory fundamentals in meaningful adult learning techniques.

Focus: Understanding and applying leadership theories in real-world contexts.

Topics:

Evolution of leadership theories
Aligning theories with organizational goals and curriculum
Designing experiences to help participants apply leadership principles
Effective teaching techniques for adult learners

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| March 16, 2026 | **Finance, Accounting, Fundraising and Other Revenue Sources** |

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Virtual Event - Zoom
12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
Fiscal stewardship and management are at the heart of public credibility and trust, especially in community leadership programs and nonprofit organizations. Learn the primary components of financial health, and how to build meaningful budget-based financial reports. Gain an understanding of developing financial dashboards and using them to effectively tell your organization's story to leadership, staff, community, and funders. Explore innovative revenue streams and mapping tools for program assessment and decision making.

Focus: Ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainability in CLPs and nonprofits.

Topics:

Building and analyzing budget-based financial reports
Creating financial dashboards to communicate effectively
Innovative fundraising and revenue generation strategies
Tools for program assessment and financial decision-making

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March 23, 2026   **Adult Learning & Development**
Virtual Event - Zoom
12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
The study of adult learning (andragogy) uniquely differentiates effective learning engagement for adult versus youth programs. This session will examine the principles of adult learning, trends in adult learning, adult learning theories and attributes, and developing effective curriculum for professionals focusing on the principles and practices of engaging adult learners effectively.

This four-hour course will help you understand the characteristics of adult learning and ensure your Community Leadership Program curriculum is set up so your participants truly learn.
Course Objectives:

Understanding the difference between youth and adult learning
Examining the principles of adult learning
Evaluating your curriculum against the principles of adult learning

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March 30, 2026	**Advanced Facilitation** **Virtual Event - Zoom** 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST *Complex problems and controversial topics require a highly skilled level of facilitation to diffuse acrimony and enable civil discourse. Experience group facilitation techniques for effective dialog, feedback and conversations, and dealing with disruptors and resistance.* *Focus: Mastering facilitation skills to handle complex and controversial issues.* *Topics:* *Techniques for effective group dialogue and feedback* *Strategies for civil discourse on contentious topics* *Managing resistance and dealing with disruptors* *This course is included in ALP's Certified Community Leadership Practitioner (CCLP) designation curriculum but is open to anyone eager to deepen their leadership knowledge, regardless of whether they are pursuing the CCLP designation.*
April 6, 2026	**Developing and Managing Boards and Volunteers** **Virtual Event - Zoom** 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST *Successful Community Leadership Programs have a powerful ability to identify, attract, and retain high quality volunteers for roles in programming, organizational leadership, community engagement, and organizational sustainability. Learn board best practices and strategies for succession planning at all levels of an organization. Build a volunteer structure for continuous opportunities and leadership development.* *Focus: Strengthening volunteer and board engagement for organizational success.* *Topics:* *Best practices for board management and succession planning* *Strategies for volunteer recruitment and retention* *Building a sustainable leadership pipeline* *Structuring volunteer roles for long-term impact* *This course is included in ALP's Certified Community Leadership Practitioner (CCLP) designation curriculum but is open to anyone eager to deepen their leadership knowledge, regardless of whether they are pursuing the CCLP designation.*
April 13, 2026	**New Mastery Course! Managing Conflict** 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

April 20, 2026	**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Building Cultural Competencies**
	Virtual Event - Zoom
	12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
	Achieving DEI goals is a complex process that cuts across multiple dimensions – policies, practices, attitudes and behaviors. Explore biases, cultural competencies, and the impacts of effective inclusionary practices for professional and personal growth.
	Focus: Promoting inclusivity and cultural competencies in organizations.
	Topics:
	Exploring biases and cultural awareness
	Inclusionary practices for professional and personal development
	Strategies for implementing DEI across policies, behaviors, and attitudes
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April 27, 2026	**New Mastery Course! Storytelling**
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March 2, 2026

Certified Community Leadership Practitioner | 2026 CORE Training Course
12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
Jessie Baginski, Ph. D., CCLP,
programs@alpleaders.org
The Certified Community Leadership Practitioner (CCLP) certification is designed to enhance individual performance, elevate professional standards, and recognize the Association, Chamber of Commerce, and other nonprofit professionals who demonstrate the knowledge essential to the practice of program development in a leadership organization.

Candidates must complete 16 hours of CORE training before proceeding to the Mastery coursework. The CORE training will be offered virtually over five separate days. Participants must attend each of the following sessions in full:

Monday, January 26, 2026 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM ET
Monday, February 2, 2026 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM ET
Monday, February 9, 2026 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM ET
Monday, March 2, 2026 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM ET

The CORE training will include five modules:

Program Scope
Program Specifics
Program Strategies
Program Systems
Program Sustainability

The same ZOOM link will be used for all sessions and shared the week prior to the first session.

March 3, 2026

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May 25, 2026

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June 2, 2026

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December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027	**ALP CLOSED	Winter Break** ALP Closed for Winter Break