

The Community Leadership Institute of Cape Cod and the Islands

The Community Leadership Institute of Cape Cod and the Islands is a local affiliate of the national Community Leadership Association. Community leaders from the Town of Barnstable, Cape Cod Community College and the United Way of Cape Cod founded the Cape and Islands chapter in 1992. There have been more than 450 alumni of the Leadership Cape Cod program residing in the region since its conception.

The mission of the Community Leadership Institute (CLI) is to foster the growth of existing and potential community leaders on Cape Cod and the Islands. As part of this mission, CLI uses the leadership program to:

- Increase participant's knowledge of the resources and needs of each of the Cape and Island's communities.
- Develop a network of community leaders dedicated to volunteering their time and talent to address issues of concern in the community.

Programs encourage people to be trustees of their communities - to work for the common good - and to become a leadership resource for the entire community, able to understand and facilitate collaboration, consensus-building and creative problem solving in addressing the community needs.

Class members of CLI, 25 to 30 members strong, participate in leadership sessions from January to June. Session topics focus on government, environment, education, social services, healthcare, diversity, business and the economy, media, the legal system and the arts. The group sessions are held throughout the Cape.

Community oriented projects are a key requirement of the program and are developed and completed by graduation by each individual team. The alumni participate as mentors for team projects and program group sessions. Recent team projects include introducing music to the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, a drum circle for brain injury survivors, clean up of a park in Dennis, and a children's outreach program through the Children's Cove.

You can play a part in this valuable process by supporting the program in a number of ways:

- Submit and support candidates from your organization
- Participate in a group session presentation in your area of expertise
- Contact CLI with issues of community concern involving your organization
- Provide access to resources of your organization to CLI program participants
- Contribute to program fund-raising requests (tax deductible)
- Become a member.

**For more information on how you can be connected to the CLI, please contact us at: Community Leadership Institute of Cape Cod and the Islands
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