

**Leadership Crawford County**

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**Business Navigator Alliance of Southcentral and Southeastern Illinois**

- Regional collaboration for the Community Navigator Program
- Purpose: provide professional outreach and technical assistance for local, state, and federal economic relief programs
- Mission: to ensure that small businesses in our region are competitive in applying for necessary resources
- Goal: position local businesses for success by acceleration business recovery and growth





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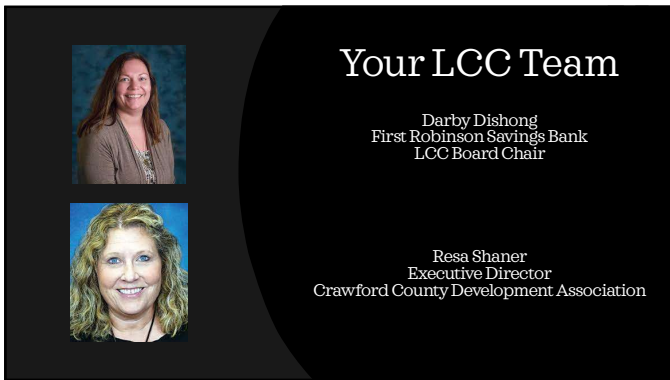
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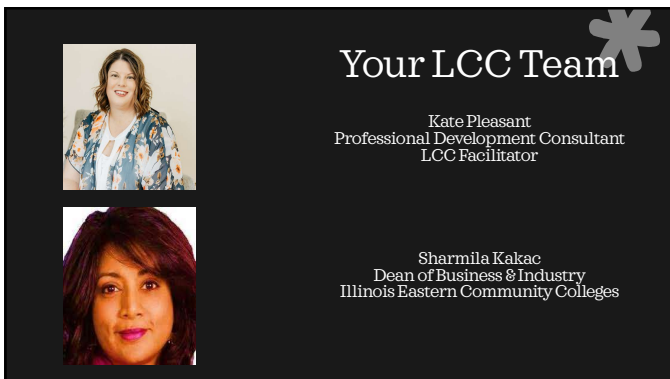
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## What is LCC?

- 8-session community leadership development program
- September - May Cycle
- Monthly sessions
  - Community networking
  - Professional development training
  - Volunteering
  - Group projects with community impact
- Graduation

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## Teambuilding Retreat



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## Requirements



Group projects



Ride-A-Longs



Community Meetings

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## History

- Two decades - 17 classes
- Original founders
- Structure



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## Evolution

- COVID-19
- Addition of Facilitator
- Professional Training



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## Facilitator Role

- Organization
- Guidance
- Professional Development Training
- Recruitment



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### Success Stories

- Elected officials
- Fortune 500 Company Plant Managers
- Successful business owners

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### Stats

- Over 200 graduates
- More than 50 employers
- 45+ service projects



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### Past Projects

- Rides Mass Transit
- Community promotional videos
- Park workout equipment
- Junior Golf Program

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### This Year's Service Projects

- Broadband Initiative
- Bike Safe Community
- Professional Cares Closet

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Public/Private Partnership

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LTC/IECC Partnership

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**Testimonial**

Harlei Payne  
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**Testimonial**

Robbie Nethery  
 Director of Manufacturing  
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*Thank you!*



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Crawford County Development Association



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