

Delta Region Community Health Systems Development (DRCHSD) Program

Delta Leadership Institute



The Center's Purpose

The National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health, The Center focuses on five core areas:

- Transition to Value and Population Health
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce



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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Anti-racism



Building a culture where difference is valued

The Center is committed to DEI and anti-racism. We create an environment that reflects the communities we live in and serve; a place where everyone feels accepted and empowered to be their full, authentic selves; and where everyone belongs.

We understand the impact of and seek to defeat racism and discrimination in ourselves, our workplace, and the world. This guides how we cultivate leaders, build our programs and resources, and deliver our technical assistance.

We are an organization that honors, celebrates, and respects all dimensions of diversity. These principles are central to our mission and to our impact.

[Read more at ruralcenter.org/DEI](https://ruralcenter.org/DEI)

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Today's Speaker:



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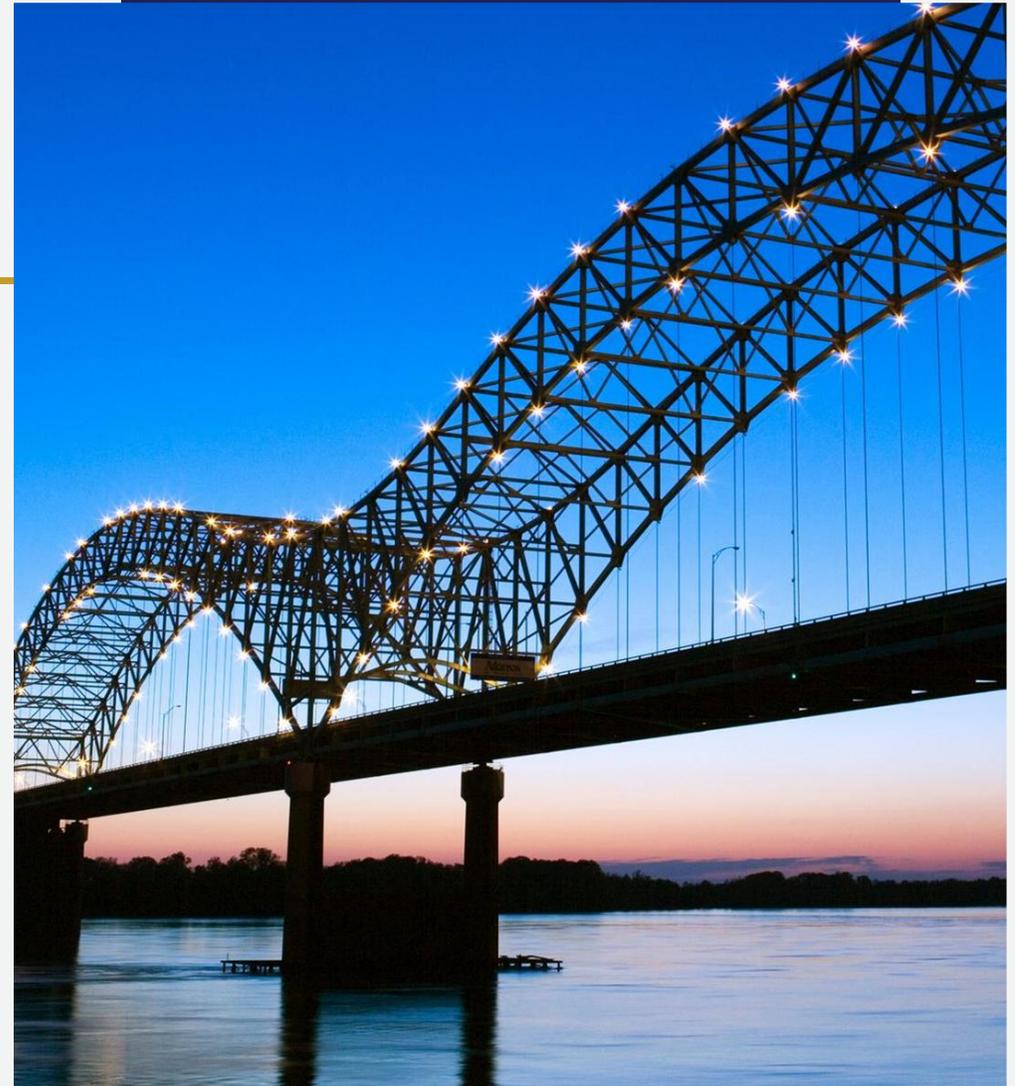
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BUILDING COMMUNITIES.
IMPROVING LIVES.**



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ABOUT THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

Established in 2000 by Congress, the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) makes strategic investments of federal appropriations into the physical and human infrastructure of DRA communities. These investments strengthen basic public infrastructure, transportation improvements, workforce training, and small business development. DRA supports economic development and job creation through innovative approaches to fostering local and regional leadership, training workers for in-demand careers, diversifying opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs seeking affordable capital and increasing access to quality health care.



DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY LEADERSHIP



Dr. Corey Wiggins

Federal Co-Chair

FEDERAL CO-CHAIRMAN

The Federal Co-Chairman lead the agency's operations and are responsible for DRA's strategic investments that promote economic development in 252 counties and parishes across the eight-state region.

The Federal Co-Chairman is a presidential appointee position with the Federal Co-Chairperson position requiring U.S. Senate confirmation.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Delta Regional Authority is led by the Federal Co-Chairperson and the governors of the eight states. DRA fosters local and regional partnerships that address economic and social challenges to ultimately strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life for residents in DRA communities. The Federal Co-Chairperson and the Board of Governors collectively select projects for strategic investments under the States' Economic Development Assistance Program that align with DRA's federal funding priorities. Each year, one member of the Board of Governors is elected to serve as the DRA States' Co-Chairperson.

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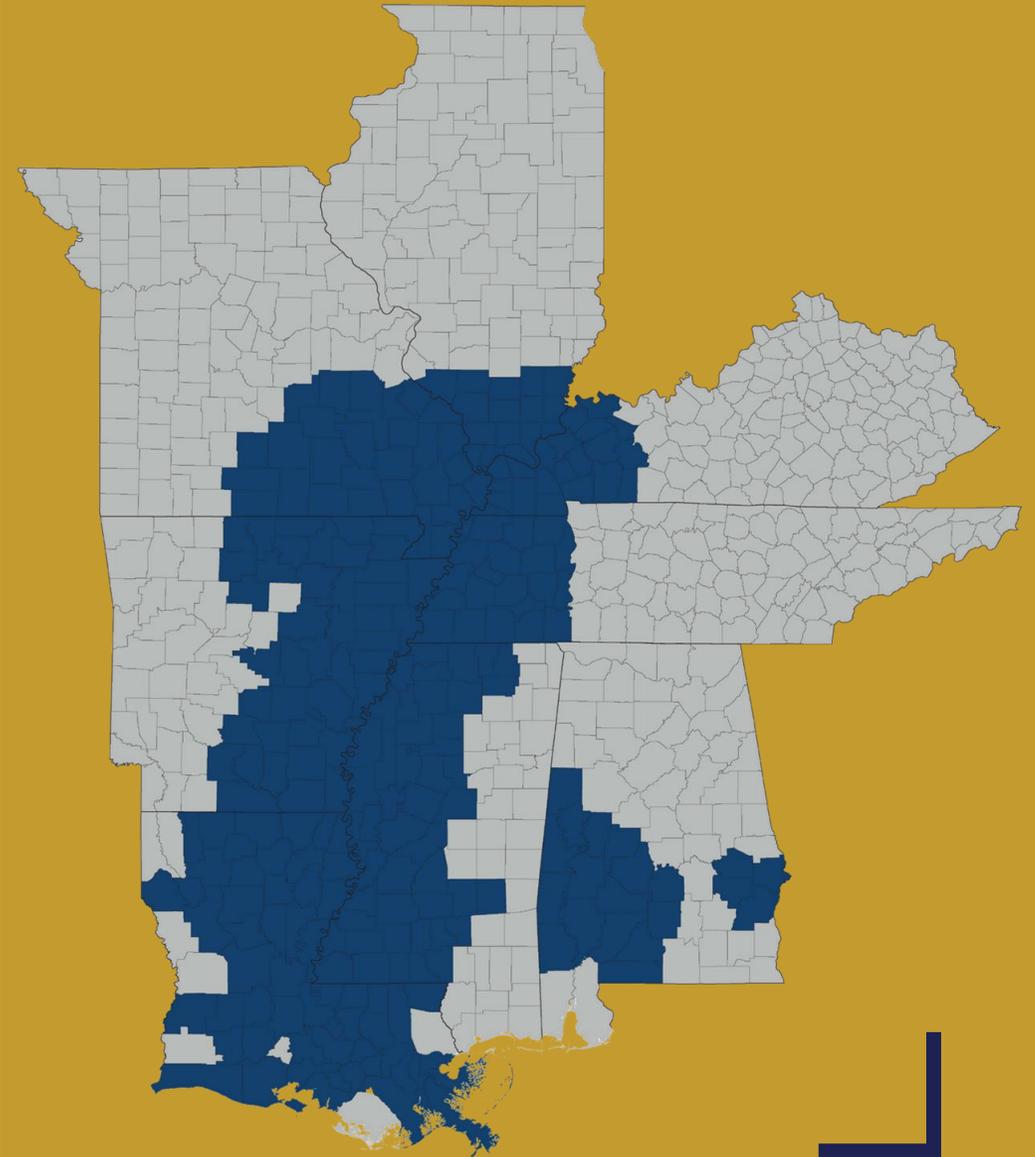
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THE DELTA REGION

The 252 counties and parishes served by DRA make up one of the most economically distressed areas in the country. DRA is poised to work with local, state, and federal leaders to bring investments and opportunities that support job creation, build communities, and improve the lives of those living in the DRA Region.





SUPPORTING DELTA LEADERSHIP

DELTA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) was created to empower leaders with the tools, experiences, and networks to address local and regional challenges. The DLI Executive Academy trains leaders from diverse backgrounds, sectors, and industries to improve the economic competitiveness and social viability of the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions.



DELTA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE ACADEMY



Tools

Develop skills and knowledge in policy areas relevant to economic and community development and competencies that enhance your ability to improve your community.



Experiences

Visit different locales and learn from numerous communities the strategies that are helping to grow local economies and explore opportunities in diverse cities and towns throughout the region.



Networks

Connect with fellow community leaders, practitioners, and experts to develop a strong network for regional collaboration, information sharing, and continued learning.

2024 EXECUTIVE ACADEMY PROGRAM

**Session I: Orientation – New Orleans
October 30, 2023**

**Session II: Little Rock, AR
January 22-25, 2024**

**Session III: Baton Rouge, LA
March 4-7, 2024**

**Session IV: Carbondale, IL
May 13-16, 2024**

**Session V: Cape Girardeau, MO
July 15-18, 2024**

**Session VI: Graduation – Jackson, MS
September 9-12, 2024**



DELTA LEADERSHIP NETWORK

The Delta Leadership Network (DLN) is now almost 700 members strong. Like the Executive Academy, the DLN focuses on promoting action-oriented leadership in the Delta region. Through our alumni, we continue to build awareness of DRA priorities.



2025 EXECUTIVE ACADEMY TIMELINE

The Executive Academy program planning as well as the participation application and selection process will begin in April/May 2024. The 2025 class sessions will begin in Fall 2024 with orientation and learning sessions starting in January 2025 through September 2025 meeting in locations across the DRA footprint.

Applications Open	June 2024
Applications Due	August 16, 2024
Application Review	August – October 2024
Notification to Applicants	October 2024
2025 DLI Press Release	November 2024
Orientation/Session I	January 2025
Graduation	September 2025
<i>*Dates are subject to change</i>	



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