



DD Council Retreat/Training

January 28, 2025

Crowne Plaza Executive Center

4728 Constitution Ave.

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

AGENDA

Facilitator: Sheryl Matney, Director of Technical Assistance, Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils (ITACC)

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| 10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. | Welcome – Review of Retreat Agenda & Ground Rules |
| 10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Hello Activity |
| 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | What Does the Council Do? |
| 10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | BREAK |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. | Leading as a Whole (Activity) |
| 11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Council Accountability: Mapping Activity & Council Connections |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | LUNCH & LEARN |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Role of Council Staff: Who Does What? Game |
| 1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. | The Council & The Public – Tips for dealing with public pressure |
| 1:40 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. | Gratitude Circle (Activity) |
| 1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | BREAK |

Facilitator: Deborah Whitfield, Esq., MRP

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| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Introduction, Group Norms, Summary of DD Act of 1975 |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Movie: <i>Abandoned to Their Fate</i> & Collaborative Activity |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Communication in Organization & Collaborative Activity |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Building Community & Close thru Song |
| 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | DINNER & TEAM BUILDING |

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