

Ready to Lead

For recently hired center directors

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Develop Your Leadership Essentials.

Attendees will delve into topics that identify their leadership strengths, engage in interactive learning activities, and fine-tune strategies for dealing with real-life challenges experienced by new directors. Content is aligned with the Illinois Director Credential and Illinois Gateways to Opportunity.

Session Topics:

Session 1	Orientation and Forming a Professional Learning Community
Session 2	New Role, New Relationships: Learning to Lead
Session 3	From the Inside Out: The Power of Reflection and Self-Awareness
Session 4	Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done
Session 5	Professional Development Coaching

A blended event of virtual and in-person sessions.



Wheeling, IL



Chicago-South Side

Ready to Lead (RTL) includes:

- One, two hour virtual orientation (a working computer with Internet accessibility and audio and video capability is required)
- Three, full-day in-person sessions (lunch and snacks included)
- 22 contact hours of Illinois Gateways to Opportunity approved professional development
- Books, handouts, and materials



Additional Opportunities:

- Earn IL Director Credential credits through participation in AIM4Excellence™ online modules
- Select up to three modules at no additional cost
- Five undergraduate college course credit hours from NLU are available for an additional course tuition charge

Valued at over \$5,000.

\$175 registration fee for Illinois administrators. Out-of-state administrators, please contact MCECL.LA@nl.edu



TWO Professional Learning Communities available:

RTL 12 - Wheeling

National Louis University Campus

1000 Capitol Dr. Wheeling, IL 60090

Session 1 | Virtual | 9/3/25 | 9 am - 11:30 am
Session 2 | In-person | 9/4/25 | 9 am - 4 pm
Session 3 | In-person | 10/2/25 | 9 am - 4 pm
Session 4 | In-person | 10/30/25 | 9 am - 4 pm
PD Coaching | Virtual | 12/4/25 | 10 am - 12 pm

RTL 13 - South Side Chicago

Richard J. Daley College

7500 S. Pulaski Rd. Chicago, IL 60652

Session 1 | Virtual | 9/10/25 | 9 am - 11:30 am
Session 2 | In-person | 9/11/25 | 9 am - 4 pm
Session 3 | In-person | 10/9/25 | 9 am - 4 pm
Session 4 | In-person | 11/6/25 | 9 am - 4 pm
PD Coaching | Virtual | 12/4/25 | 1 pm - 3 pm

Deadline to apply: July 9, 2025



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