

LEADERSHIP MENDOCINO

Education & Community Development Day

Friday, April 24, 2009

Today's Goal is: *To gain an understanding of leadership issues in education in Willits (and Mendocino County) and to learn firsthand how a small group of committed citizens can make a difference in their community: "Where there's a Willits, there's a way!"*

- 8:00-8:45 a.m. **Project work time**
- 8:45—9:00 a.m. **Welcome, Introduction to the Day, Graduation Announcements**
Suzanne Pletcher, executive director
- 9:00—9:15 a.m. **Overview of Willits Unified School District and Budget Considerations**
Debra Kubin, Superintendent, Willits Unified School District
- 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Education in Action: Shadow Exercise in Small Groups**
Teachers, Students, Principals, Superintendent and Counselor at Willits district schools and Charter School
- 10:45—11:00 a.m. *Convene back at Baechtel Grove Middle School meeting room*
- 11:00 – Noon **Debrief and Discussion of Willits School District Budget and Proposed Cuts**
Bill Jack, President, Willits Unified School District Board of Directors
- Noon—1:00 p.m. *Transportation from Baechtel Grove School to Mendocino County Museum & Lunch*
- 1:00 -- 2:00 p.m. **Leadership Skills Mini-Workshop: How Can We Sustain a Collaborative Vision?**
Jed Diamond, Director, MenAlive, Willits
- 2:00—2:45 p.m. **Panel Discussion: "Where There's a Willits, There's a Way!" Projects Overview**
Holly Madrigal, Willits City Councilwoman
Jed Diamond, Entrepreneur & Community Organizer
Lynn Kennelly, Director, Willits Chamber of Commerce
Ellen Drell, Founder and Board Member, Willits Environmental Center
Ian Fitzpatrick, Director of Development, Howard Memorial Hospital
- 2:45—3:00 p.m. *Break*
- 3:00—4:45 p.m. **Tour of Willits Grassroots Projects and Downtown**
Mendocino County Museum and Roots of Motive Power—Bruce Evans
Skate Park—David Madrigal
Frontier Days—Chris White
Grainery—Jason Bradford
WHAT Footsteps—Jed Diamond
Cultural Arts Center—Gary Martin and Dale Dingman
Downtown Business Community and Willits Bucks—Lynn Kennelly
- 4:45—5:00 p.m. **Quick Debrief back at Museum, Whole Class**