

Partnership Description

Since 2013, Leadership Dixie has proudly partnered with Utah State University (USU) Extension to elevate our program and expand its impact across Washington County. This partnership has been integral to our success, with USU Extension faculty contributing as class members, board members, subject-matter experts, presenters, program evaluators, and sponsors.

What is USU Extension?

USU Extension, founded in 1914 as part of the Smith-Lever Act, is a dynamic arm of Utah State University. It provides research-based programs and resources aimed at improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities throughout Utah. USU Extension operates through a cooperative agreement between the USDA, Utah State University, and county governments, ensuring a broad and impactful reach across the state. USU Extension's diverse offerings cover agriculture, natural resources, gardening, home and family, food safety, health, and youth development through Utah 4-H.

Strengthening Leadership Through Collaboration

The partnership with USU Extension brings unparalleled value to Leadership Dixie. Their involvement has enriched our program in multiple ways:

1. **Expert contributions.** USU Extension faculty serve as subject-matter experts, providing in-depth knowledge and insights that enhance our educational sessions. Their expertise spans a wide array of critical social, civic, economic, and environmental topics, ensuring our participants receive the highest quality leadership training.
2. **Program development and sponsorship.** The faculty's active participation as class members and board members has been instrumental in shaping the direction and growth of Leadership Dixie. Additionally, their sponsorship has provided vital resources and support, enabling us to expand our initiatives and reach more diverse community members.
3. **Program evaluation.** USU Extension plays a crucial role as our program evaluator, systematically measuring the impact of Leadership Dixie. Their evaluations help us assess and refine our methods, ensuring we effectively build leadership capacity within Washington County.
4. **Long-term community impact.** By leveraging USU Extension's extensive network and resources, Leadership Dixie can address complex local challenges and foster sustainable community development. This partnership not only benefits our participants but also contributes to the broader economic and social prosperity of our region.

Leadership Dixie values its exceptional partnership with USU Extension. Together, we are committed to cultivating the next generation of community leaders, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and passion to drive positive change in Washington County.

For more information on USU Extension and their impactful work, please visit extension.usu.edu