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OCT. 30-31: COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL ATTEND CITYLINKS '98

Neighborhood leaders will learn how to build communities for the 21st century at CityLinks '98, a neighborhood conference presented by the University of Dayton.

The conference begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom at the University. Joseph B. McNeely, founder and president of the Development Training Institute, will discuss how community leaders can teach self-confidence and responsibility so that neighbors can learn to rely on one another to improve community living. Friday's program will end at 7:30 p.m. following McNeely's speech.

From 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, a panel of speakers will discuss how to find new community leaders and how to get them involved with the issues that are plaguing the communities.

The panel comprises of Hector Santiago, member of the neighborhood leadership program; Loranna Kelly, communication development outreach specialist for the Supporting Council of Preventative Efforts; Jan LePore Jentleson, director of East End Community Services; and Karen DeMasi, manager of neighborhood development for Family Services Association.

Saturday will continue with a series of workshops beginning at 9:30 a.m. The workshops will cover topics such as youth development, community-friendly technology, decision-making techniques for leaders and faith-based economic development. The conference will conclude at 1 p.m. following the workshops.

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