

# **2026 Leadership Program Schedule**

## **1. Simulated Society (SIMSOC)**

*June 4 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM: (Mandatory Course)*

An interactive simulation presenting real-world challenges to participants, encouraging collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

## **2. Government & Emergency Response**

*June 18 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Go behind the scenes of emergency operations to discover how leaders respond in times of crisis, and what it takes to protect a community. You'll gain insight into crisis leadership and decision-making under pressure.

## **3. History**

*July 2 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Celebrate the history of Putnam County as America celebrates her 250th birthday.

## **4. Personal Leadership**

*July 16 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Renowned leadership mentors will share insights and strategies to help participants strengthen and refine their leadership skills and participate in a team building activity.

## **5. Law / Justice**

*August 6 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Participants will interact with local law enforcement to better understand the justice system and public safety operations.

## **6. Economic Development**

*August 20 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Step inside one of our community's largest employers, Georgia-Pacific, to see firsthand how industry drives local opportunity, job creation, and long-term strategic and smart growth.

## **7. Social Services**

*September 3 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Participants will visit local social service organizations to observe firsthand the work being done in the community. Local directors will discuss current challenges and the importance of servant leadership.

## **8. Healthcare**

*September 17 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Participants will tour HCA Putnam Hospital and hear from administrators about today's healthcare delivery systems and community health needs.

## **9. Education**

*October 7 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Participants will tour district schools to learn about workforce development programming aligned with local industry needs. Educational leaders will share insights on current issues and future opportunities in the community.

## **10. Tourism**

*October 15 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM:*

Participants will explore unique tourism assets in Putnam County and learn about tourism's economic and cultural impact, including destination marketing, fiscal support, and community vitality.

## **11. Agriculture**

*October 29 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM: (Note extended time)*

Participants will tour local farms and learn about the challenges facing agriculture, as well as technological advancements strengthening the industry.

## **12. Graduation Reception**

*November 12 – 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM:*

An evening celebration recognizing program graduates by celebrating their growth and their commitment to leading Putnam County forward.