

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 Florida 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.