



LeadingAge™
Michigan

**Leadership
Academy**

Academy Facilitator



Lisa Lorius

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Meet the Lead Facilitator, Lisa Lorius!

Lisa has a unique combination of education and experience that produces positive results. She has an MBA, and is credentialed as a nursing home administrator, assisted living director, dementia practitioner, Six Sigma Green Belt, and Eden associate and has decades of experience operating member organizations. Lisa is also a 500-hour registered yoga teacher, Reiki master, shamanic practitioner and a fellow of the 2016 Leadership Academy Class.

Our application deadline is July 1, 2026.

THE MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IS DESIGNED TO...

- Equip new and emerging leaders with the essential insights, knowledge, and skills to directly improve leadership effectiveness.
- Integrate adaptive and technical learning for a comprehensive training experience.
- Focus on what it takes to be a successful and effective leader in today's workplace; specifically within the aging services industry.
- Provide unique, thought-provoking opportunities for dialogue with aging services coaches, mentors, and executives.
- Broaden an understanding of the aging services industry and the role of leaders within their organizations.
- Assist individuals in honing their leadership skills and to be better prepared for advancement.



Schedule

Date:

August 5-7, 2026
September 23-24, 2026
November 4-5, 2026
January TBD, 2027
March TBD, 2027
April TBD, 2027
May 17-19, 2027

Event:

In Person Session
In Person Session
In Person Session
Virtual Session (4 hours)
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In Person Session

Location:

Leadership Institute (Acme)
LeadingAge MI Office (Lansing)
To Be Determined
Virtual Coaching Session
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Virtual Coaching Session
Annual Conference (Lansing)

Testimonials



"The future health, well-being, and lives of frail Michigan seniors are in the hands of our dedicated workforce. The LeadingAge Michigan Leadership Academy has been a great pathway to develop the skills necessary to support a positive work environment. My staff has used the Academy as a jump start on a journey where ongoing experience and adaptation work to engage and spark passion within teams."

Tim Stoll, Chief Executive Officer, Thurston Woods Village



"Attending the Leadership Academy was a game-changer for me. The sessions were not only insightful but also incredibly practical. I walked away with real tools to lead with confidence, communicate more effectively, and inspire my team. Lisa Lorius was engaging, and her interactive format made the experience transformational. I highly recommend becoming a fellow at the next Leadership Academy if you are looking to grow as a leader."

Alan DeVaughn, 2024 Leadership Academy Fellow

"I started the Leadership Academy in September 2024, hoping to improve my skills, knowledge and professional development. The academy far exceeded my expectations and needs. From personal development and leadership styles, to team development, oversight and leadership values, we learned a lot! I watched myself grow, month by month, and yet I am still learning more and more! I am thankful for the fellows that participated in this journey with me! Jermika McQueen and I presented Crucial Conversations to the team half way through the program. It was a wonderful experience putting together a presentation with an "outside company" person. Marina Calvachi, Gene Smith, CDP and I worked together on our final presentation "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly Truth: 2024 Senate Bill 811" for the Leading Age Michigan Annual Conference 2025. What an experience, combing through the bill, researching Michigan's track record and current stats, as well as diving into how a Swing Bed actually works! Not to mention the other fellows of the program, Latia Gipson, Emily Caspersen, and Heather Guerra! You ladies all contributed to the learning environment, fun of the program, and overall collaboration that made this the experience it was!

Did I mention Lobbying in Washington DC? LeadingAge Michigan went above and beyond to allow us to dive right in and fight for the aging population. Although the trip was short, it was more meaningful than anything I have ever "fought" for! This experience was by far the most impactful! Thank you to David Herbel for the invitation, and making it possible for us to attend! Last but not least, special thanks to our instructor Lisa Lorius and our mentors Barbra Giles and Missi Latter for your support, encouragement, and knowledge. You have all been instrumental in guiding my growth and knowledge! I am beyond thankful for your leadership, wisdom, and friendship!"

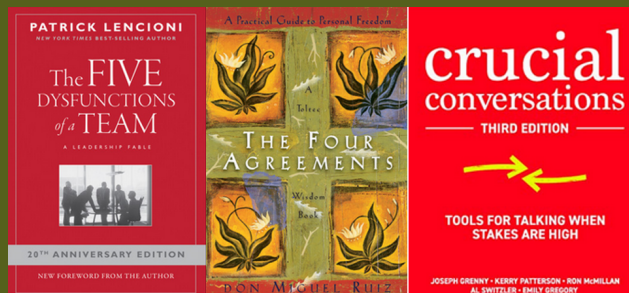
Megan Wojton, 2025 Leadership Academy Fellow

Curriculum

- Adaptive and Technical Leadership Tools & Resources
- Transformative Leadership
- Leadership Values
- Shifting from Task Master to Leader
- Self-awareness, Self-regulation and Accountability
- Effective Communication & Coaching
- Decision Making
- Managed Care & ACOs
- Building High Performance Teams
- The Role of an Aging Services Leader
- Executive Leadership
- Strategies and Challenges
- Conflict Management
- Healthcare Reform
- Innovation
- Person-Centeredness

Teaching Methods

- Formal presentations with content experts
- Meet the Mentor sessions with aging services executives
- Continuum of care panel discussions
- Self-directed activities, journaling, and coach calls
- Facility & campus tours
- Complimentary registration for the LMI conferences
- Reading assignments to support classwork



Complimentary Conferences

Leadership Institute
August 5-7, 2026
Grand Traverse Resort

Annual Conference & Expo
May 17-19, 2027
DoubleTree Lansing

Organizations that have supported the growth of future leaders



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Registration Fees

Price Per Person..... \$3,200

Included in fees:

- Complimentary registration for the 2027 Annual Conference and Solutions Expo
- Complimentary registration for the 2026 Leadership Institute
- Advocacy opportunity in Washington D.C. (*subject to approval*)
- All required education, reading, and supplemental teaching materials
- Continuing education contact hours for nursing home administrators and nurses
- Continental breakfasts and networking lunches

Not included in fees:

- Transportation, lodging, and some meal expenses are not covered by the Leadership Academy. Sponsoring organizations have committed to payment of these expenses for those attending the Leadership Academy. Please reach out to your supervisor for details on how these expenses will be handled.

**LeadingAge Michigan will secure convenient and reasonably priced hotel room blocks.*

Ready to apply?

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Photo: 2024-2025 Leadership Academy Cohort, Graduation Recognition at the 2025 LeadingAge Michigan Annual Conference