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Session Breakout Summary

Program Resources and Speaker Engagement

Overview

Resources and speaker engagement are foundational to delivering high-quality leadership programs. Effective programs combine diverse formats, expert insights, and participant-driven evaluations to create dynamic learning experiences. By blending local expertise with external perspectives, leadership programs can inspire growth, foster collaboration, and drive meaningful community action.

Strengths

- **Diverse Formats:** Includes retreats (e.g., three-day events), structured themes, and embedded book discussions.

- **Evaluation-Driven:** Consistent feedback through evaluations ensures program alignment with participant needs.

- **Enriching Content:**
  - Books like Power of Positive Leadership and Monday Morning Leadership enhance discussions.
  - Meyer's Briggs sessions provide personal and professional insights.

- **Service-Oriented:** Community action and service projects encourage hands-on learning.

- **Local vs. External Balance:** Engages both local leaders and external experts for broader perspectives.

Needs

- **Engaging Tools:** Activity-based learning methods such as icebreakers and team-building exercises.

- **Comprehensive Lists:** Resource directories for speakers, books, and activities.

- **Accessible Logistics:** Practical solutions like retreat locations and transportation options.

- Open Networking: Opportunities for participants to connect outside formal programming.

Recommendations

- Incorporate interactive icebreakers to boost participant engagement.

- Develop a centralized resource for speakers, books, and activity ideas.

- Use community spaces and in-kind sponsorships for cost-effective retreats.