## Delta Leadership Institute Session Focuses on Partnering for Community Success

The Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) Executive Academy met in Jonesboro, AR, from June 5-7, for its fifth session of the year. The session began with a service opportunity at the Foodbank of Northeast Arkansas that introduced DLI fellows to the role food banks and pantries play in addressing food insecurity and hunger challenges in rural communities.

DLI fellows heard from Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin, Arkansas State University (ASU) Chancellor Dr. Kelly Damphousse, and ASU System Vice Chancellor for Government Affairs Shane Broadway about the important partnership between ASU and the City of Jonesboro to advance mutually beneficial economic and community development goals.

Panels and discussions focused on efforts to inform local policy and programs; how to work with media to deliver an effective message; identifying and cultivating community partnerships with the private and philanthropic sectors; and how economic developers can best work with legislators to advance local efforts.

DLI trains Delta leaders with the tools, experiences, and network to work collaboratively and identify local and regional solutions to the Delta’s greatest challenges. The application cycle for the 2018-19 Executive Academy is open through July 16