Planning a service-learning project can be an overwhelming process. The **LEADERS Model of Service Learning** is a management tool designed to help students identify and carry out service-learning projects to address school and community needs and issues. The LEADERS Model of Service Learning, developed by Service Learning Texas, correlates well with the FCCLA Planning Process.

The components of the LEADERS Model of Service Learning should be reviewed and discussed before beginning the first activity. The meaning of service learning and how it is different from other types of service activities should also be discussed.

The activities in this guide were developed to provide step-by-step guidance in planning and implementing a meaningful project based on the LEADERS Model of Service Learning. Each activity and related step builds upon the previous one. Therefore, it is important to complete them in the order presented.