Leadership in 2020! It’s that time of the year again! The first weeks and months of the New Year we all strive to be a better version of ourselves than we were in the year before. We focus a lot on our overall health, finances and set goals to enhance our leadership capacity. Let’s encourage you to think about a possible leadership goal you might set and would like to suggest a few questions to consider as you ponder this idea. Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) in Wichita, KS states that “leadership is an activity, not a position.” While we look to our community leaders, teachers, and experts in their field to guide our communities, we all can add to the conversation when we come to the table. When we look for opportunities to serve we must ask questions to get to the real goal we want to accomplish.

What needs to change to reach those aspirations?
Among those involved in the process, what are our strengths?
How are we vulnerable?
How can we inspire others to join us on the journey?
What is our plan? Who will do what, when?

This year one goal I have is to work with the youth in Butler County to identify areas they can make an impact. Community service and helping others within organizations in the county, evaluating challenges our home communities face and looking for ways to intervene for a common mission will be our targets. We will be looking for community partners to help guide our learning and to change our leadership from just a position or title into action! If you have any ideas of community projects the youth might be an asset to please contact me at cmmiller1@ksu.edu or call at 316-321-9660. The first step to accomplish the goal is to start the conversation!