

Head Start A to Z Program Governance: Current Realities

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Paul Solipante: We can think of the structures of the organization as providing a broad framework within which good governance can happen, but so can bad governance. Despite the fact that the structure is well suited to Head Start, it can still produce bad governance, if we don't have the right relationships and the right practices among people.

Maria Guajardo: Now, the role of governance can both be an opportunity, but it can also be a challenge. As a former Head Start administrator, I've served on each one of the three governing entities, either as a community volunteer or as a staff member. In my role, I have experienced, firsthand, both the opportunity of making a difference when the governing entities were working efficiently and effectively. I also had the experience of being in tense situations where relationships were diminishing the effectiveness of governance.

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