Head Start Governance and Management Responsibilities

In accepting funding for Head Start and Early Head Start, governing bodies agree to provide leadership to the program as a whole, as well as to Head Start staff and parent leaders. Governing bodies also recognize the important relationship between the governing body and the Policy Council and their shared leadership responsibilities. The Head Start and Early Head Start leader’s role is to ensure that the governance and management entities are working collaboratively to achieve positive outcomes for children, families, and communities.

*Reports that are generated and used by management, then shared with and used by Policy Council and Governing Body: HHS secretary communication; Financial statements; Program information summaries; Enrollment; USDA; Financial audit; Self-Assessment; Community assessment; PIR; Data on school readiness