

Power Up Your Board! Governance Principles for Boards of Excellence

Pre-requisites: none (but thought these would be fun: great attitude; compassionate, desire to be the best)

Who Should Attend: Board members and Executives

Training Objectives:

- Educate Board members on CAA history, fundamentals, governance regulations, key roles and responsibilities
- Review specific Board structure and operational issues
- Create an environment conducive to Board team-building, problem sharing and action planning

Workshop Content

Board Fundamentals: This section reviews the relevance of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Community Services Block Grant Act and advocacy to the community action network. Additionally, the purpose and specific requirements of the CSBG Program will be examined including its activities, Board composition and responsibilities and applicable federal requirements.

Trends in the Field: This segment will identify characteristics associated with exceptional Boards, the importance of accountability and discuss self-assessment characteristics typically found in exceptional Boards. Information will be augmented with group activities including a governance discussion, Board case study and Board self-assessment exercise.

Resources & Tools: The session will wrap up with a review of readily available Board resources found at the state and federal levels of government along with the variety of private resources focused on improving Board driven organizations.