

Establishing Governance Process

Executive Based Model

Strong relationships w/ local government agencies and external researchers—bi-partisan support, often operates as an independent agency—allows all data-contributing agencies to review study findings prior to release. Governance board meets on a regular basis to set research priorities and review proposals and results.

Agency Based Model

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University Based Model

If housed in a university-based research center, generally do not have a formal governance process. Researchers and staff generate a research agenda based on the sites' funding revenues, research interests, and partner-agency needs. To guarantee ethical & secure data use, these sites utilize the university institutional review board (IRB), and often must submit to other IRBs as well. (If a university based system is serving more as a contractor for the county or state IDS, the university may manage the governance process and host the data management activities like the executive-based model above. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte acts in this capacity for Mecklenberg County).

Creating Political & Economic Factors to Sustain IDS

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Political sustainability—not a central aim, more focused on generating knowledge on a specific social need. Have established a mature partnership and ongoing commitment to dialogue between the research and government communities. Project-driven grants to fund capital and operating expenses.