Connecting the Dots

Relational Regulation as the Unifying Framework for Modern Regulatory Practices

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Importance of relationships in a government regulatory framework

Objectives

- Learn how to identify and prioritize key stakeholders.
- Identify which issues pose the greatest opportunity and risk, and then formulate responses.
- Understand how communicating with stakeholders can help regulation for everyone involved.
- Use thoughtful, tailored outreach efforts to advance organizational priorities.

Who, What, Why, and How?





Who we are

Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs (LARA)









Who they are

Licensees

Businesses

Board Members

Legislators

Associations

Media

Sister Departments

Other Regulators



Why do we focus on building and maintaining relationships?









Supports the industries we regulate

Increases our team's expertise

Controls the narrative

Humanizes the bureaucracy and regulation





How do we build relationships?

- Prioritize
- Plan, plan, plan!
- Be open to opportunities
- Say yes (sometimes while saying no)
- Go where they are
- Be flexible
- Be accountable





What does everyone get out of this?

- Transparency
- Buy-In
- Understanding
- Information Exchange







Conclusion

Who they are

Why we do this

How we do this

What we get out of this







Questions?

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