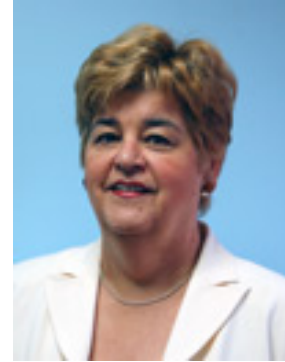


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Since 1989, Sandra G. Chavarria has served as President and CEO of Communities In Schools Dallas, Inc. Under her leadership, the program has grown from serving five schools in the Dallas Independent School District to a highly regarded program and presence in 64 schools in 14 school districts in 5 counties.



Throughout her career, Ms. Chavarria has been instrumental in creating environments that support and enable people of all origins and backgrounds to reach their full potential. She began her career in education in Connecticut and New York City and then elected to serve with the Peace Corps in Paraguay. She later accepted a position as a faculty member at the American School in Guatemala City, Guatemala. While in Central and South America, Ms. Chavarria was called upon to develop programs that stimulated personal growth and fostered self-sufficiency for both children and adults.

From 1972 to 1988, Ms. Chavarria worked with the Girl Scouts of the USA. As an Executive Director on a local level in Florida and California and then later as the Director of National Consulting Centers in Texas and New York, Ms. Chavarria was responsible for the overall management and delivery of professional services designed to reach the widest possible diversity of youth populations and also for attracting and maintaining staff and volunteers. Her innovative service models and human resource development approaches impacted Girl Scouts operations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Recognized for her personal commitment and leadership, Ms. Chavarria has been called upon to consult with numerous organizations including the United States Department of Education, the United States Department of the Interior, Indiana University, Purdue University, The Hispanic 50 and Harvard University's Hauser Center. The Texas Association of Business, Dallas Chapter has honored her with its 2010 Leader In Education Award. Ms. Chavarria currently serves on the State board of the Texas Association of Business.