Please join our next First 5 LA Research Advisory Committee Meeting

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

- Provides technical input and advice to First 5 LA
- Comprised of locally and nationally recognized researchers
- RAC meetings are an interactive forum for drawing upon this expertise
- Increases the visibility and prominence of First 5 LA’s work
- Informs First 5 LA of related projects elsewhere in the state and the nation

**Topic:** First 5 LA’s Family Strengthening Portfolio comprehensive evaluation approach

**Goal:** To receive RAC feedback and input on the overall approach to the evaluation and specific topics including study questions, design, sampling, and measurement for the two studies described below

**Best Start Family Strengthening Evaluation: Welcome Baby Implementation & Outcomes Study:** The purpose of these two joint studies will be to evaluate the implementation of the Welcome Baby home visiting program across Best Start communities and the outcomes associated with variation in service delivery among a population of women diverse in characteristics and risk profiles.

**Welcome Baby Impact Study:** The purpose of this study is to conduct a methodologically rigorous impact evaluation of the fully-implemented Welcome Baby program in one or more Best Start Communities.

First 5 LA Research & Evaluation Staff will be incorporating the feedback received from the RAC members into upcoming Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the two studies mentioned above. Details of the RFPs will be made available on our funding center: [http://www.first5la.org/Funding-Center](http://www.first5la.org/Funding-Center)

Materials from the RAC meeting will be made available on the First 5 LA website.

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