

**Appendix B:
Best Start Learning Agenda Questions**

BSLA Areas of Inquiry	Current BSLA Questions
Approach & Structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the approach to building the capacity of Best Start networks to engage in policy and systems change being implemented? 2. How are community partnerships,¹ evolving into networks and connecting with advocates, leaders, and organizations?
Positioning & Systems Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To what extent does the approach position the Best Start networks to drive a change agenda²? 4. To what extent do policy, systems, and community changes occur through Best Start networks efforts?
First 5 LA Adapting & Evolving	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How is First 5 LA adapting and evolving as an agent of policy and systems change as a result of its work with the communities?

¹ The partners contracted to implement the goals of the Best Start investment are referred to as Regional Network Grantees (RNG). There is one RNG per Best Start Region, and in most regions, there are local subcontractors who directly support the community capacity strengthening efforts happening in each of the 14 geographies. The structure and physical space where community capacity strengthening happens and where the various network partners convene is often referred to as a “Community Partnership”. Each Community Partnership is guided by a “Leadership Team” comprised of parents and organizational partners. In most communities, the Leadership Team sets the agendas for the monthly partnership meetings and provides guidance on the strategic direction of the Best Start Network efforts, including the “community change agenda” goals.

² The community change agenda details the systems change priorities and strategies to employ to make progress on the community change goals and is codeveloped by the Leadership Team and members of the Community Partnership. In many communities, the agreed upon community change priorities become the drivers of community change efforts.