

BEST START
REGION 3
REGIONAL AND LOCAL NETWORK PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



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PANORAMA CITY
— & NEIGHBORS —

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best start
NORTHEAST VALLEY
— COMMUNITY —

THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL NETWORK PHILOSOPHY

El Nido and its partners seek to honor the intentions of Best Start to increase capacities of community institutions, residents and stakeholders. The values that drive the work include:

- Recognition of the Community Strengths
- Right to Self-Determination • Transparency
- Resident and Stakeholder Driven Decisions • Inclusion
- Collaboration • Trust • Fairness • Consistency

The work of the regional and local networks is grounded in the philosophy that Best Start is community driven, which means that the community (parents, residents and other stakeholders) should have the maximum degree of input that is practical for decisions that impact their lives. The underlying assumptions of this philosophy are that the community has many strengths and opportunities for engagement and that the community will be involved in defining how to best engage all segments of the population. The regional and local network partners have strong collaborative relationships with parents, schools, early education, health, mental health and public service providers.

EL NIDO FAMILY CENTERS

Regional Network Organizations and Local Network Organizations

Los Angeles Education Partnership

Doran Public Relations

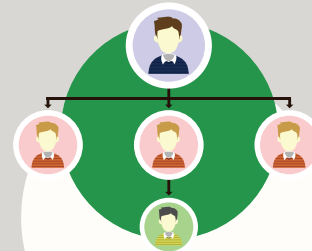
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REGIONAL NETWORK ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Assumes responsibility for managing the grant with First 5 LA, fulfilling all administrative requirements, managing subcontracts with all partners, and ensuring integrity to Best Start values, parameters and principles.



MULTI-LEVEL COORDINATION

Coordinates and maximizes opportunities to connect the work of the community partnerships within the region to each other and to similar efforts at the local, regional, and/or countywide levels.



COORDINATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Assesses the capacity needs of itself and its subcontractors and providing support as needed to ensure that all parties involved are continually and proactively seeking to improve the performance of their respective roles.



COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY

Coordinates and supports opportunities to bring together the community partnerships in the region when cross-community efforts are needed in pursuit of common goals or in response to (or support of) external policy or systems change endeavors.



REGIONAL LEARNING

Facilitates regular learning activities across communities within the region as well as participates in First 5 LA learning and evaluation activities, including the Best Start Learning Agenda.



REGIONAL RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Attracts and leverages regional, countywide, state and federal resources (funding, donations, volunteer time) and relationships to support the work of the community partnerships beyond First 5 LA funding.



LOCAL NETWORK ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



COORDINATION & SUPPORT

Provides all of the logistical support needed to plan, facilitate and hold community partnership meetings, activities and events. Also monitors the local landscape to identify opportunities for collaboration and integration with similar efforts.



DATA, LEARNING & IMPROVEMENT

Incorporates the use of data, regular reflection, and learning at the local level and coordinates with the regional network grantee to support regional learning. Also participates in First 5 LA learning and evaluation activities, including the Best Start Learning Agenda.



CAPACITY BUILDING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Models effective practices, provides real-time coaching and arranges for targeted technical assistance as needed to support individual and collective abilities to influence policies and systems that impact children and families in their community.



COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Supports the development and implementation of communications strategies that build the partnerships' brand and visibility regionally and locally.



COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED PROJECTS

Supports the ongoing planning, implementation, and reflection of projects identified by the community partnership to achieve the desired community change results.



RESIDENT AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

Supports the development and implementation of strategies that facilitate social connections and engage parents and residents in the work of the community partnership.



LOCAL RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Attracts and leverages local resources (funding, donations, volunteer time) and relationships to support the work of the community partnerships beyond First 5 LA funding.

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ABOUT THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL NETWORK PARTNERS



El Nido Family Centers (El Nido), a private, non-profit organization, has been providing culturally competent services for children, youth and families in Los Angeles County for 93 years, and has been committed to serving the Northeast Valley, Panorama City and neighboring communities since 1982. The organization's mission is to empower families in low-income communities of L.A. County to break the cycle of poverty, child abuse and neglect, violence, academic failure, and teen pregnancy through outstanding educational, youth development, health and therapeutic services. To advance this mission, services have been provided in collaboration with key community institutions, including, but not limited to: Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Pacoima Beautiful, LA Mission College, Meeting Each Need with Dignity, Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural, and other public and private non-profit service providers. El Nido provides Select Home Visitation services, implementing the Parents as Teachers model. Since 2013, El Nido also serves as the Welcome Baby subcontractor to Valley Presbyterian Hospital.



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Los Angeles Educational Partnership (LAEP) was founded 33 years ago, with the mission of being an education non-profit that works as a collaborative partner in communities to foster great schools that support the personal and academic success of children and youth from birth through high school. LAEP works in high-poverty, multicultural communities across Los Angeles County. LAEP's three program focuses are: early childhood services, transforming schools and professional development. Central to LAEP's programs is a partnership with parents who are empowered through communication, involvement and educational resources. The agency is recognized for its cultural competency, including working to help form the original Spanish "Ages and Stages Questionnaire" (ASQ), and is now partnering with Kaiser Permanente to develop a program to support 20 schools to become trauma-informed and resilient. LAEP has experience with facilitating professional development and learning through collegial exchanges of best practices. LAEP also uses a technique called "cognitive coaching" which facilitates learning through structural conversations, strengthens decision making, encourages self-reflection and problem solving, creates collaborative relationships, and develops genuine trust and rapport.



Doran Public Relations is a full-service marketing, promotions, community affairs, and public relations firm. They assist nonprofits and other organizations in promoting their mission and delivering their message. Doran has worked with El Nido for 14 years and has assisted with developing relationships with various media outlets and publicity materials.



EVALCORP is an independent consulting firm with over 20 years of experience providing program evaluations, designing instruments to assess internal operations and community needs, and evaluation-related capacity building for staff and volunteers. Evalcorp currently provides training for young parents and community residents on how to design and implement Community Based Action Research (CBAR) projects.