Results Focused Community Partnerships and Best Start

Capacities To Improve Results
Overall Desired Result

Review the elements, characteristics and measures of results focused community partnerships.
Results Focused Community Partnerships

• How would you define a RFCP?

• What would it look like?

• What do they do?
Results Focused Community Partnerships

...are placed based community collaboratives that are formed to:

- Mobilize parents, other residents, community organizations, public agencies, businesses, faith communities and other partners
- Build community capacity and organize a comprehensive array of services, informal supports and opportunities, and thus...
- Improve results for children, strengthen families and promote community well-being.
Results Focus **Best Start Community Partnerships**...

... are intended to achieve Best Start’s goals for children 0-5 and their families by operating as highly functioning community partnerships that engage parents, other residents, and local partners in a sustained collaborative process that builds community capacity and strengthens families through a comprehensive array of formal services, informal supports and effective community strategies.
Developmental Arc

Formation

Capacity Building And Growth

High Functioning
10 MINUTE BREAK
Elements of a Results Focus Community Partnership

Long Term Developmental Process for Place Based Efforts to Improve Results for Children, Families and Communities
ELEMENT 1:
KEEPERS OF THE VISION:
Leading a broadly supported community process designed to improve results for all children and families.
Keepers of the Vision

• **Shared Vision**—There is broad community consensus for the vision: local community organizations, partners, service providers, residents and parents share a commitment to the vision and its aspirations for children 0-5 and their families.

• **Clear Outcomes/Results for Children and Families** --There is community wide awareness of the BSCP goals, results, benchmarks and indicators.
Keepers of the Vision

- **Comprehensive Integrated Plan**—The comprehensive BSCP community plan is integrated into a larger, all-inclusive community plan leveraging additional community assets to address population-level results for all children 0-5 and their families residing in that place.

- **Value Family Strengthening and Prevention**—The BSCP community plan specifically describes strategies, services, supports and community capacities to promote child well-being and strengthen families to achieve community-wide results.
ELEMENT 2:
DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP
Creating Partnerships that Engage Multiple Stakeholders and Share Accountability for Results
Inclusive and Diverse Membership

• **Diverse Stakeholder Representation** -- The BSCP has achieved a diverse, stable and effective representation of neighborhood stakeholders.

• **Diverse Demographic Representation** -- The demographic diversity of the BSCP members mirrors the demographic diversity of families and individuals who live, work and worship in the neighborhood.

• **Governance Structure** -- The BSCP has an effective governance structure that is widely respected and honored by its members and the broader community.
ELEMENT 3:
RESOURCES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
Resources for Implementation and Sustainability

- **Influence over Resources** -- The budget priorities of local public and private institutions fund effective strategies to improve outcomes for children and families.

- **Leveraging Resources** -- Community resources are being effectively leveraged in support of all children and families in the neighborhood.

- **Financial Plan** -- The BSCP’s financial plan ensures that resources are available and aligned with effective strategies to achieve results for children 0-5 and their families.
Resources for Implementation and Sustainability

• **Viable Sustainability Plan**--The BSCP has fostered strong social capital and community commitment to sustain efforts over the long term to achieve outcomes for children 0-5 and their families.

• **Policy and Regulatory Strategy**--The BSCP are included in discussions about policy and regulatory changes needed to ensure that program policy and services regulations align with needs to improve outcomes for children 0-5 and their families.
ELEMENT 4:
ACTION-ORIENTED, RESULTS FOCUSED COLLABORATION
Action Oriented, Results Focused Collaboration

• **Parent and Resident Leadership**--Parents and residents are active leaders of the BSCP.

• **Broad Participation**--A broad set of key stakeholder groups are consistently participating, collaborating and leading the partnership's work.
Action Oriented, Results Focused Collaboration

- **Effective Collaboration** -- The BSCP consistently practice effective collaboration to reach better outcomes for children and families.

- **Credibility and Accountability** -- The BSCP receives and regularly reviews a comprehensive set of data points from many sources to assess progress and keep their constituents and the community informed about progress to reach better outcomes for children and families.
ELEMENT 5:
DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY
Data Driven Decision Making and Accountability

- **Appropriate Results and Indicators**--The BSCP has convincing evidence of its contribution to improving performance of programs, services and systems and to improving overall results.

- **Data Collection and Analysis** -- The BSCP continuously searches for data and researches evidence-based best practices to inform the partnership’s actions, strategies and next steps toward improving results.
Data Driven Decision Making and Accountability

- **Using Data for Learning and Accountability** -- The BSCP has an established system by which it regularly obtains customer feedback to assess and improve the quality, effectiveness and impact of the partnership’s actions and strategies.
  - **Data Collection and Analysis** -- Data Collection System; Data Analysis; Needs/Strengths Assessments; Program/Strategy Gap Analysis
  - **Using Data for Learning and Accountability** -- Continuous Improvement; Adaptive Approach; Accountability
ELEMENT 6:
BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITIES
Building Community Capacity

Transforming neighborhoods into places of opportunity by building strong neighborhoods where all children and families succeed requires intentional efforts to build and sustain certain types of community capacity.
THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACE

- Community Change
- Build Protective Factors
- Create Opportunities
- Reduce Risk Factors
- Policy Change

Child & Family Well-Being
Building Community Capacity

- **Protective Factors** -- The neighborhood has multiple services and supports that incorporate and assure a robust set of protective factors for parents and families.

- **Community Engagement** -- The neighborhood has a network of leaders, groups and organizations in the neighborhood that are actively providing supports to children and families.
Building Community Capacity

- **Communications** -- Neighborhood leaders and organizations are informed and educated about the importance of focusing on and investing in children birth – 5 years old and their families.

- **Organizational Leadership and Capacity** – There is effective organizational leadership and capacity in the neighborhood to assist children and families.

- **Community Assets and Resources** – The community has an extensive array of assets and resources that enhance the quality of life for all children and families.
"Listen up everybody! Asset mapping indicates a need for collaborative decision-making to achieve core results before the bell rings!"

The Lunch Recess Governance Partnership
Group Reflections

- What are the key supports your partnership will need to build their capacity?

- How can these key supports be included in your community plans?

- How will you inform your broader partnership members about what you learned today?