



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

Event occurring April 24, 2021

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**Driving Equity and Justice: A Community Led Bill of Human Rights Town Hall**

LOS ANGELES, CA – April 24, 2021 – Para Los Niños and Best Start Region 1 announce the exciting and transformational first annual Driving Equity and Justice Community Bill of Human Rights Town Hall with elected officials, philanthropic leaders, and over 500 Los Angeles residents, thanks to the support of First 5 LA and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

**What:** Best Start Region 1  
Driving Equity and Justice  
[Community Bill of Human Rights Town Hall](#)

**When:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (PST)

**Where:** Whova Webinar, preregistration required:  
[https://whova.com/portal/registration/bsthhd\\_202102](https://whova.com/portal/registration/bsthhd_202102)

Best Start Region 1 Facebook Live:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/495043551668307>

- Who:** Panel for Driving Equity and Justice
- Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director
  - Holly Mitchell, County of Los Angeles Supervisor
  - Marqueece Harris-Dawson, City of Los Angeles Councilmember District 8
  - Mayra E. Alvarez, The Children’s Partnership and Biden-Harris Administration COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force member (moderator)
  - Tanya Ortiz Franklin, Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member



**Watch:** [Video Metro and Via shift gears to deliver food to those in need](#)

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This event will be a unique opportunity to join over 500 residents, community-based organizations, elected officials and philanthropic leaders as we launch the Driving Equity and Justice Community Bill of Human Rights, developed by residents most impacted by systemic inequities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, in partnership with community-based organizations.

Grounded in equity and racial justice and Best Start Region 1’s Model for Partnership, the Bill of Human Rights articulates clear short and long-term strategies across 10 domains leading to specific advocacy and policy change action items:

- Full, Equitable Digital Inclusion
- Quality, Affordable, and Stable Housing
- Free, Quality Local Care & Instruction from Birth to Graduation
- Equitable Employment and Wealth Building Opportunities
- Free, Safe, Clean, and Rapid Public Transportation
- Nurturing Connected, Inviting, Healthy Neighborhoods
- Culturally Appropriate, Affordable, and Healthy Local Foodways
- Equitable, Timely and Responsive Holistic Health Care
- Creating Inclusive, Safe, and Supportive Communities
- Decriminalization of Human Migration

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**Best Start Region I Distribution Hub Network:** In response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the failure of a systemic response by local governmental institutions, Best Start Region I established a network of distribution hubs across the four communities to respond to the most urgent needs and to create this Bill of Human Rights to guide a cohesive and comprehensive systems change approach with the following partners:

- All Peoples Community Center
- API Forward Movement
- Child360
- First 5 LA
- Homies Unidos
- Karsh Center
- Korean American Family Services
- LIFT LA
- Los Angeles Metro Transportation
- Pathways LA
- Para Los Niños
- Pensieve Foods
- Wellnest
- Worksite Wellness LA
- YMCA Southeast Rio Vista

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**About Best Start Region I:**

[Para Los Niños](#) established the [Best Start Metro LA](#) (BSMLA) Partnership in 2009, in collaboration with [First 5 LA](#). The initial goal of the Partnership was to strategically address community priorities by building and cultivating transformational partnerships between residents, community-based organizations, philanthropy and governmental agencies that share power. Since 2018, BSMLA's Framework, under the new banner of [Best Start Region I](#), has been scaled to include [East Los Angeles](#), [South El Monte/El Monte](#), [Southeast LA](#) and redoubled its efforts to address the systemic conditions that each community has prioritized.

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**About Para Los Niños:**

Founded on Skid Row in 1980, Para Los Niños provides education and wraparound support to over 6,000 of L.A.'s neediest children, youth, and families each year. PLN fosters pathways to success by striving for excellence in education, family support, and comprehensive social-emotional, and community based services.

Through early-education, TK-8th grade education, youth workforce services, and family and community services Para Los Niños' model provides a comprehensive, holistic approach to break the cycle of poverty and help children and youth thrive.

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