

Handout 3: Developing a research agenda

For this activity, work sequentially through sections A. – C. in pairs or groups.

- A. Complete the following table to generate your research questions.
- B. Develop your research questions.
- C. What data collection techniques would you employ at each step? Using existing data, surveys, interviews, focus groups, observations, and rubrics? Briefly explain why you would use this method.

A. Complete the following table to develop your ‘driving’ research questions. Put a star by things you assume you know, but don’t have data to support. Indicate data sources or potential data sources that will affirm what you know or help you address what you don’t know.

What we know or think we know	What we do not know but want to know

B. List your primary research questions:

Question 1: _____

Question 2: _____

C. Briefly describe what you hope to learn and/or develop from this research project:

1. Identify need:

a. Data sources: _____

b. Research methods: _____

2. Select relevant evidence-based practices/research methods to use:

a. Data sources/sampling design:

b. Action plan: _____

3. Plan for implementation (Resources needed, timeline etc.):

a. Data sources: _____

b. Action plan: _____

4. Implementation checks (How will you ensure proper implementation?):

a. Data sources for evaluation: _____

b. Action plan: _____
