SFY 2012 Regional Funding Plan

Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Regional Partnership Council

Date: January 5, 2011
Submitted to the
First Things First State Board
for January 24-25, 2011

FIRST THINGS FIRST

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
FUNDING PLAN SFY 2012
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

I. Regional Allocation Summary (Funds Available)

II. Prior Years' Review, and Planning for SFY 2012
A. Progress with SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 Funding Plans; And SFY 2012 Planning
B. Budget: Regional Council Strategy Allotments
C. Changes in funding levels for strategies from SFY 2011 to SFY 2012

III. System Building Impact

•

Section I
Regional Allocation Summary

The following chart shows the total available funds to the Regional Council, by funding sources.

Allocations and Funding Sources	**SFY 2010**	**SFY 2011**	**SFY 2012**
Population Based Allocation	$104,849.00	$136,525.00	$136,373.00
Discretionary Allocation	$48,600.00	$82,680.00	$75,971.00
Other (FTF fund balance addition)		$29,930.62	$22,689.00
Additional Income (other than FTF tobacco tax)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Carry Forward from Previous Year		$26,033.62	$2.00
Total Regional Council Funds Available	$153,449.00	$275,169.24	$235,035.00

Section II
Prior Years' Review, and Planning for SFY 2012

For 2012 planning, Regional Councils are asked to review the strategies from years prior while they consider direction for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012. At their September 2010 meeting, the First Things First Board adopted priorities as were recommended by the Arizona Early Childhood Task Force. Following is the list of five priorities for First Things First action within the next one to three years. These are the roles for which First Things First will establish measurable benchmarks and devote resources in order to achieve results for Arizona's young children and their families. These priorities are services which could be funded at both state and regional levels. Throughout this 2012 Regional Funding Plan, there are references to these new priorities. They are:

Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for increased availability of and access to high quality, regulated, culturally responsive, and affordable early care and education programs.

Supports and Services for Families - Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families.

Building Public Awareness and Support - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for efforts to increase public awareness of and support for early childhood development, health, and early education among partners, public officials, policy makers, and the public.

Professional Development System - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for the development and enhancement of an early childhood professional development system that addresses availability, accessibility, affordability, quality, and articulation.

Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services - Collaborate with partners to increase access to high quality health care services (including oral health and mental health) and affordable health care coverage for young children and their families.

In addition, the Task Force recommended that First Things First take a leadership role in three priorities that focus on program and process development at the state level. These are:

Early Childhood System Funding – Secure, coordinate, and advocate for resources required to develop and sustain the early childhood system. [This does not mean that First Things First would be the sole funder of the early childhood system, but would take an active role in helping to increase and coordinate available resources.]
Early Care and Education System Development and Implementation - Convene partners and provide leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive early care and education system that is aligned both across the spectrum of settings and with the full continuum of the educational system.
Quality Early Care and Education Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for the development and implementation of quality standards for early childhood care and education programs and related curricula and assessments. [This is integral to improving the quality of early care and education settings.]

Section II A Progress with SFY 2010 and 2011 Funding Plans And SFY 2012 Planning

The table below provides a summary of the Regional Partnership Council's prioritized needs and strategies for SFY 2012, as well as information on progress in SFY 2010 and SFY 2011.

PRIORITY 1: ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SETTINGS

Description of Prioritized Needs:

- Access to Early Care and Education.
- Families with children birth through five years of age, especially with children birth through three, need access to high quality early care and education settings on the Pascua Yaqui Tribe reservation.

Strategy: Expansion: Increase slots in regulated classrooms/homes and capital expense

Regional Title and/or short description: Child Care Homes Recruitment

Recruit five new and/or existing, non-regulated family child care home providers on the reservation to provide services for children birth to age five with an emphasis on infants and toddlers, for children on the Head Start wait list, or children enrolled in the Pascua Yaqui Head Start who need wrap around child care during non-traditional hours.

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of homes	5	5	5*	5	5	Not a Regional Strategy in 2012

* **Data is not verified.**

Strategy: Quality First (Statewide)

Regional Title and/or short description: Quality First (QF)

Enroll newly recruited and regulated family child care homes on the reservation through strategy 1 (Child Care Homes Recruitment) to provide services for children birth to age five with an emphasis on infants and toddlers, for children on the Head Start wait list, or children enrolled in the Pascua Yaqui Head Start who need wrap around child care during non-traditional hours.

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of homes	Not a Regional Strategy in 2010			2	2	2
Number of QF TEACH scholars	Not a Regional Strategy in 2010			2	2	2
Number of QF CCHC homes	Not a Regional Strategy in 2010			2	2	2

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe reservation has a great need for child care for children who are eligible for Pascua Yaqui Head Start but are not receiving services due to the lack of capacity of the program. There are also children who are attending Head Start but need wrap-around child care during non-traditional hours, and there is very little child care for children birth to three in this community. During the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010 strategic planning and funding plan development meetings, the participants stated that many families living in the Pascua Yaqui community work graveyard shifts at the casinos and need child care providers on the reservation who can provide service during these non-traditional hours. Clearly, increasing the capacity of high quality early care and education programs was a priority for funding. Family child care homes were initially identified as the most appropriate approach to deal with building capacity during SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 with the long-term goal to prepare for the creation of a child care center on the reservation.

In SFY 2010, five family child care home providers were recruited through the Child Care Homes Recruitment strategy meeting the target service units set by the Regional Council. Highlights from the strategy narrative reports include:

"The Providers are committed to the care of children and have demonstrated a desire to expand their knowledge and care for infants and toddlers… Three out of five Child Care Providers attended a 1-credit course with Central Arizona College titled "Healthy Weight for Kids" in the month of June. Two of the three completed successfully. Currently, one Child Care Provider is attending the "Healthy Weight for Adults" course through Central Arizona College for the month of July. These five Providers will be encouraged to continue in their professional growth, i.e. the goal of participating in Quality First and TEACH".

In SFY 2010 and SFY 2011, the Regional Council implemented a Child Care Homes Recruitment strategy with a requirement for providers receiving First Things First funding to enroll in Quality First in the second or third year of the three year grant cycle (2010-2012). According to a conversation with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Child Care Program Coordinator that is in charge of the Child Care Homes Recruitment strategy, three of the five child care home providers recruited in SFY 2010 are ready to apply for Quality First. The Regional Council believes that Quality First will support programs in raising their level of quality through the support of a coach/mentor, improvement grants, and professional development scholarships. It will also implement a rating system to help local families quickly identify child care settings that are optimal for their child's development.

2. Strategy Challenges

Although the target service units were met for the Child Care Homes Recruitment strategy in SFY 2010, there were some challenges such as, "p*roviders were hesitant and reluctant to participate in this program".*

In SFY 2010, statewide funding provided for one center and five homes to enroll in Quality First. Regional Council members, First Things First staff, Tribal staff and the Quality First Coach implemented many community outreach activities to provide Quality First program information to the family child care home providers and Head Start staff, including community presentations, radio interviews and

public service announcements, to encourage them to apply to this program. Three family child care home providers enrolled in Quality First through the statewide funding.

It was part of the Regional Council's original plan to begin Quality First regional strategy implementation in 2011. During the SFY 2010 funding plan development, the Regional Council decided to focus on expanding the number of family child care homes in the Pascua Yaqui Tribe region participating in Quality First beyond those funded through the statewide initiative beginning in SFY 2011. The Regional Council supported two Quality First participants for 2011. The Regional Council planned to encourage the newly recruited family child care home providers to apply for the open state slots, but the unfilled slots awarded by the state are no longer available.

3. Strategy Changes for 2012

During the SFY 2012 strategic planning and funding plan development workgroup sessions, the Regional Council engaged in rich and insightful discussions about the early childhood development and health system that this Regional Council is working on in collaboration with the Tribal Council, Tribal staff and community members. Tribal staff from Education, Health, Social Services and Land Use participated in the workgroup sessions. Since the next step from the beginning for the newly family child care home providers recruited was to encourage them to apply to Quality First, the Regional Council decided to discontinue the Child Care Homes Recruitment strategy for SFY 2012. The Regional Council and First Things First staff will continue the collaboration with this grantee since they are also in charge of the Tribal Child Care Program, to provide Quality First, Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) and other First Things First program information to family child care home providers in Tribal communities.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council plans to continue the SFY 2011 Quality First strategy in SFY 2012 with the same service units and funding level.

Due to the limited allocation, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council is unable to fund additional Quality First slots without significantly impacting other needed services that affect tribal children on the reservation. To address the need for additional Quality First slots, the Regional Council is planning to make a request for additional funds to the State Board to provide support for the family chid care providers on the Quality First waiting list in the Pascua Yaqui Tribe region in SFY 2011 and SFY 2012.

4. First Things First Priorities

Quality First aligns with the First Things First Priority- **Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings**. As a result, quality early care and education programs will be accessible for all families.

PRIORITY 2: SHORTAGE OF TRAINING AND PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Description of prioritized need:

Shortage of training and professional development for the early care and education workforce.

Strategy: Scholarships TEACH (Statewide)

Regional Title and/or short description: T.E.A.C.H.

Expand access to Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) scholarships beyond those provided through participation in Quality First.

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of participating scholars	2	2	1	2	2	Not a Regional Strategy in 2012*

*** The Regional Council has a successful cross-regional collaboration with the Central Pima Regional Council to provide 15 TEACH scholarships to Pascua Yaqui early childhood professionals.**

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success

Closely tied to high quality child care is the need for highly qualified teachers and caregivers. Providing T.E.A.C.H. scholarships for early childhood educators to continue their formal education is a valuable investment with a high return that will allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to strive toward this goal.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council sent a letter to Central Pima, North Pima, Pinal, Central Maricopa and Northeast Maricopa Regional Councils in September 2008, asking them for support to serve tribal children and families that reside or access services in their area. Central Pima Regional Council allocated regional funds for 15 T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to Pascua Yaqui early childhood professionals in State Fiscal Year 2010, 2011 and 2012. Central Maricopa Regional Council has committed to include Pascua Yaqui Tribe early childhood professionals in their regional allocation for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships.

Regional Council members, First Things First staff, Tribal staff and T.E.A.C.H Arizona staff have implemented many community outreach activities including community presentations, radio interviews and public service announcements to provide T.E.A.C.H program information to the family child care home providers and Tribal Head Start. Recently, 11 Tribal Head Start staff applied to this program through the collaboration with the Central Pima Regional Council.

2. Strategy Challenges

Out of the two regionally funded T.E.A.C.H. scholarships approved for SFY 2010, only one was awarded. Possible barriers may include the requirements for eligibility and educational barriers to accessing college courses.

3. Strategy Changes for 2012

Since the Regional Council has a successful cross-regional collaboration with the Central Pima Regional Council, the Regional Council members decided to eliminate the expansion of TEACH scholarships for SFY 2012 in order to use these funds to provide other needed services for Tribal children on the reservation.

In the future, the Regional Council may look for other non-T.E.A.C.H. professional development opportunities for Tribal members since there are Tribal staff that do not qualify for this program and would like to continue their professional development to improve the services that they provide to families with children under age five on the reservation.

4. First Things First Priorities

This strategy fits into the **Professional Development System** that First Things First and community

partners are creating in Arizona. More early care and education professionals across Arizona will have degrees and/or credentials in early care and education.

PRIORITY 3: PROVIDE FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION SERVICES

Description of prioritized need:
The region has few programs to provide family support services such as home visitation and parent education to meet the needs of families with children birth through five on the reservation.

Strategy: Home Visitation

Regional Title and/or short description: Home Visitation and Community-Based Family Education
Support, enhance and implement home visitation and community-based family education programs and services that provide parents and caregivers access to family support information, resources and high-quality socialization *(home visitation component).*

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of families receiving home visiting services	Not a Regional Strategy in 2010			20	20*	20

*** Grant Agreement is in signature process as of December 2010. After it is executed contracted numbers will be 20 for State Fiscal Year 2011.**

Strategy: Community-Based Family Education

Regional Title and/or short description: Home Visitation and Community-Based Family Education
Support, enhance and implement home visitation and community-based family education programs and services that provide parents and caregivers access to family support information, resources and high-quality socialization *(community-based family education component).*

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of adults attending education sessions	Not a Regional Strategy in 2010			20	20*	20

*** Grant Agreement is in signature process as of December 2010. After it is executed contracted numbers will be 20 for State Fiscal Year 2011.**

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success

The Grant Agreement with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to implement this strategy through the Health Department in SFY 2011 is near completion. Some of the steps that were part of this process included a Regional Council workgroup session on April 13 to discuss the possible implementation of this strategy, as well as the logic model, and First Things First Standards of Practice for Home Visitation and Community Based Family Education Programs with the Tribal Health Department staff. On May 21, the Regional Coordinator sent the Scope of Work for this strategy to the Tribal Health Department director and staff for their review and comments. Also, Finance sent the SFY 2011 Grant Agreement to the Tribe on June 14. Recently, Tribal Grants and Contracts staff let the Regional Coordinator know that the Grant Agreement and attached documents were signed by the Tribal Chairman and would be mailed to the First Things First office in Phoenix.

Tribal staff from the Health Department attended the Southeast Arizona Regional Area Grantee Meeting on November 9 and were excited to make connections with other First Things First grantees that are providing home visitation services including the Southern Arizona Family Support Alliance. In addition, Tribal staff from this department have contacted other First Things First Tribal partners that are providing home visitation and community-based family education services to tribal members in order to learn how those programs are working in those Tribal communities.

2. Strategy Challenges

First Things First needs to follow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe process in order to receive the Tribal Council approval to implement any grant on the reservation. It is a lengthy process, but continued progress is being made toward implementation.

3. Strategy Changes for 2012

No changes were made. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approved the continuation of Home Visitation and Community Based Family Education services for SFY 2012 to maintain support for the 40 participants from SFY 2011.

4. First Things First Priorities

The Regional Council is committed to provide **Supports and Services for Families**, so more families who want or need assistance will have access to a continuum of services, supports, and resources in their community to increase their competence and confidence to ensure their children enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

PRIORITY 4: KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

Description of prioritized need:
Limited knowledge and information about the importance of early childhood development and health.

Strategy: Community Awareness (Statewide) (FTF Directed)

Regional Title and/or short description: Communications
Work in partnership with the Pima County Regional Partnership Councils and First Things First Board to implement a community awareness and mobilization campaign to build the public and political will necessary to make early childhood development and health one of Arizona's top priorities.

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council Community Outreach Plan

A Regional Council member and the Regional Coordinator created a Community Outreach Plan that was reviewed and approved by the Regional Council. This plan is unfunded and utilizes the community resources available on the Tribal reservation to provide information to the Tribal families and community members about the importance of early childhood development and the services that are available to them in New Pascua (reservation).

In Spring of 2010, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council had access to a Tribal Community Outreach Consultant. The Regional Coordinator worked with the consultant in May and June to create a Resource Library to have information/materials (Public service announcements, quick tips about early childhood development, etc.) that could be provided to tribal staff and community members through the different tactics that are part of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Community Outreach Plan (Public service announcements, marquis messages, blast e-mails, the Yaqui Times, etc.).

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council Community Outreach Plan has provided opportunities to inform Tribal caregivers of children five years and younger about early childhood program and services, in particular First Things First statewide initiatives and regionally supported strategies. It also provides early childhood development and health information through great partnerships with KPYT Radio Station, the Yaqui Times, and Tribal departments.

Pima County Cross-Regional Communications Plan

Representatives from the five Regional Councils in Pima County (Central Pima, North Pima, South Pima, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and Tohono O'odham Nation) met on April 16, 2010, for a cross-regional discussion about communications and increasing public awareness about First Things First, specifically in the county. At the July 21, 2010, Regional Council meeting, the members approved joining the Pima County Cross-Regional Communications Plan.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council communications strategy has provided an opportunity for cross-regional collaboration. Representatives of each regional council meet regularly to discuss, plan and execute cross-regional community awareness, outreach and education on the importance of early childhood development and health as well as the role of First Things First.

2. Strategy Challenges

The greatest challenge was the delay in a statewide communications plan to provide the framework and guidance for efforts to increase public awareness of and support for early childhood development and health. The Regional Coordinator created many of the materials that were expected to be developed by the Tribal Community Outreach Consultant during her contract in May and June, 2010.

Another challenge has been the use of a consulting firm for the cross-regional community outreach. Coordination with the multiple staff employed by the firm for this work has been challenging and has not provided the results the cross-regional communications plan had hoped to achieve. This is in part due to the fact that no one person is committed full time to this work. The work is complex and multi-faceted and understanding the nuances of each of the regional areas requires full time attention.

3. Strategy Changes for 2012
The Regional Partnership Council decided to eliminate the continuation of funding for cross-regional communications efforts in SFY 2012 and instead participate through in-kind contributions to the cross-regional communications efforts in SFY 2012. Some of the in-kind contributions would be Public Service Announcements (PSA's) and Did You Know Facts about early childhood development and health issues that the Regional Coordinator has been working with KPYT Radio Station Manager who serves as the Regional Council Vice Chair.

4. First Things First Priorities
The cross-regional communications strategy aligns with the First Things First Priority: **Building Public awareness and Support** by helping educate the public of the benefits of investing in early childhood development, health and early education and supporting the identification and growth of a pool of early childhood champions throughout the region.

PRIORITY 5: REGIONAL EVALUATION

Strategy: Needs and Assets

Short Description:
The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council added additional funding for the Regional Needs and Assets Report to carry out primary data collection. In addition, the regional council wants the vendor to provide support to the Regional Council with interpretation of 2010 Census data, Child Care Demand and Capacity Study and primary data collection for SFY 2013 planning.

Strategy: Child Care Study

Short Description:
The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council added additional funding for the Child Care Study in SFY 2010 to have more information on regulated and unregulated care and parent demand for care on the reservation.

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success
The 2010 Regional Needs and Assets process has been successful in part due to the fact that each regional council was able to select the vendor best suited to their region. The vendor has been extremely responsive to the regional council and has been working closely with the coordinator throughout the entire process. Also, the consultant has been willing to invest more time to understand and work within the Tribal processes.

2. Strategy Challenges
Regional Needs and Assets
The Regional Council is very pleased with the data collection, reporting and drafting process and its ultimate benefit to the children and families of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. As previously noted to the State Board, there were delays due to the fact that the Needs and Assets consultant is required to follow the *Pascua Yaqui Tribe Research Protection Ordinance* in order to receive the Tribal Council approval to conduct the data collection on the reservation. Another challenge was a delay in finalizing the contracts with the vendors which set the original timeline back.

On August 26, 2010, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council sent a letter to the State Board to request a deadline extension for the submission of the Needs and Assets Report to the Board and to provide a brief update on the work that had been done in relation to the Needs and Assets Report for this region. The State Board approved this request.

The first draft of the combined Needs and Assets Report 2008-2010 was provided to the Regional Partnership Council on November 29, 2010. The Regional Council decided to have a Workgroup Session on December 13 to review, discuss and provide feedback on the draft report. The consultant incorporated the Regional Council's feedback into the report. The Regional Council hopes to approve the final draft at the January meeting. Once approved, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Research Review Committee and Tribal Council will review and approve it. Upon completion of the above protocol, the Regional Partnership Council will submit the final report to the State Board.

Child Care Study
Regional Council representatives have met with the University Consortium many times to review the proposed Child Care Study and surveys. The only concern that has been raised every time is in regard to getting the data collection permission request through the tribal processes for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The time needed to get through the necessary processes could hold up the survey process for this region.

Since both the Needs and Assets and Child Care Study are taking a lot of time to be implemented on the reservation, not all the funds allotted to them in SFY 2010 were expended, so the unexpended amounts were rolled-over for SFY 2011.

3. Strategy Changes for 2012
The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council has approved funds to do some primary data collection, incorporate the findings of the Child Care Demand and Capacity Study, and provide the regional council with some support in understanding how to best utilize the data to drive decisions for future priority needs.

PRIORITIZED NEED: INCREASE INSURANCE OUTREACH AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION (items not being addressed/funded in SFY 2012)

Description of prioritized need:
Increase enrollment of children who are eligible but not enrolled in Kids Care or Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Families and expectant mothers need access to early childhood development materials and information.

Strategy: Health Insurance Enrollment

Regional Title and/or short description: Increase Insurance Enrollment
Increase outreach and enrollment assistance for public health insurance to eligible, but not enrolled families and provide early childhood development and health information to families during outreach activities and through the distribution of a parent resource guide.

This strategy includes the development and distribution of a parent resource guide in SFY 2011.

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of families receiving enrollment assistance for health insurance	15% of children birth through five and 15% of expectant mothers	NA	2127*	15% of children birth through five and 15% of expectant mothers	In progress	Not a Regional Strategy in 2012

* **Data is not verified.**

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has a contract with El Rio Clinics to provide medical, dental treatment and prenatal care to tribal members on and off the reservation. In order to receive these services, the tribal member needs to apply for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). Until October 1, 2010, Indian Health Services (IHS) covered services if the tribal member did not qualify for AHCCCS and if this person presented to IHS the denial letter from AHCCCS. As of October 1st, The Pascua Yaqui Tribe will provide management and oversight of the Yoeme Health Plan for medical coverage to tribal members.

At the time of the SFY 2010 Funding Plan Development, there was a clear need to register more children who were not enrolled but were eligible for AHCCCS or Kids Care health insurance. If the child did not qualify for AHCCCS, the family would have the denial letter to request the payment for their child's medical bill to IHS and prevent a financial crisis for the family. For State Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011, the Regional Council made the decision to provide public health insurance enrollment materials and early childhood development and health information and supplies to four existing tribal programs that were already hosting a number of other health services and could be viable sources for outreach: Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Maternal Child Health, Dental Clinic, and Healthy Families. Results shared include:

- 1851 families were referred to apply for AHCCCS through the WIC Program.
- Over 380 young children had access to preventative oral health information and a total of 123 screenings were done on the Health-e system through the Dental Clinic.
- The Maternal Child Health Program made 136 referrals to AHCCCS.
- The Healthy Families Program completed 13 assessments and made 17 referrals to AHCCCS.

The Tribal Health Department shared the following: *"The Health Programs are really concentrating on getting or screening clients on AHCCCS. They are finding out the importance to having clients on alternate resources other than being on the Yaqui Health Plan. We have found that we had to educate not only our community but our employees. Some employees did not have full understanding on how the Yaqui Health Plan worked or how we got funded. This was education for a lot of staff and we continue to have education for employees so that they are able to educate our community and the critical need for this service. This funding has helped to start educating our workers and community members"*.

2. Strategy Challenges

None.

3. Strategy Changes for 2012

At the Regional Council Workgroup Session on September 14, 2010, the Regional Council members began the SFY 2012 strategic planning and funding plan development process. One of the suggestions from the Regional Council members was to invite the Tribal departments that implemented First Things First regional funded strategies in SFY 2010 to do presentations about the strategy implementation and outcomes at the next at the October 12 Regional Council meeting. Tribal staff from Health and Social Services, Education and Land Use participated on the SFY 2012 strategic planning and funding plan development workgroup sessions and attended the regular meetings.

During this inclusive process, Tribal staff mentioned that each Tribal Health program is responsible to refer all clients to a contact person who can process them for AHCCCS. Twelve Tribal staff are doing health insurance enrollment to make it easier on the client. The Regional Council also learned that at least three Tribal staff are providing information about the Yoeme Health Plan to community members.

The Regional Council has had several discussions about supplanting services and since there are other important needs for services for Tribal children under age five on the reservation, the Regional Council decided to eliminate the Increasing Insurance Enrollment strategy in SFY 2012.

4. First Things First Priorities

This strategy aligns with **Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services** priority. More families are aware of children's health insurance and how to enroll their children.

PRIORITIZED NEED: FOOD INSECURITY
(items not being addressed/funded in SFY 2012)

Description of prioritized need: Children's nutritional needs are met

Strategy: Food Insecurity

Regional Title and/or short description: Emergency Food Boxes

Provide Emergency Food Assistance to families with children 5 and younger on the reservation.

Service Units

Service Units	SFY 10 Target	SFY 10 Contracted	SFY 10 Actual	SFY 11 Target	SFY 11 Contracted	SFY 12 Target
Number of food boxes distributed	NA	NA	97 Families* 148 Children*	Not a Regional Strategy in 2011		Not a Regional Strategy in 2012

* **Data is not verified.**

Summary of Progress and Challenges
Rationale for Changes to SFY 2012
Alignment with Strategic Direction

1. Strategy Success

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council, during the June 09, 2009 regular meeting, approved to allocate more funds from the Regional Frontier Allocation in SFY 2010 to Provide Food

Assistance to families with children 5 and younger. The Regional Council decided to provide this grant to the Tribal Social Services Department- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This Tribal program provided information to community members about the Food Boxes available to families with children under age five through Public Services Announcements on KPYT and fliers.
2. Strategy Challenges One of the challenges was the delay on having the Grant Agreement due to the necessary Tribal processes.
3. Strategy Changes for 2012 Not applicable.
4. First Things First Priorities Not applicable.

Section II B
Budget: Regional Council Strategy Allotments

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council Operational Plan Funding Summary					2012 Proposed Allotments
	2010		2011		2012
SFY Allocation	**$153,449.00**		**$249,135.62**		**$235,033.00**
Carry Forward From Previous Year	**NA**		**$26,033.62**		**$2.00**
Total Funds Available	**$153,449.00**		**$275,169.24**		**$235,035.00**
Strategies	**Allotted**	**Expended**	**Allotted**	**Awarded**	**Proposed**
Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense*	$62,500.00	$120,313.79*	$62,500.00	$62,500.00	$0.00
Quality First (Statewide)	$0.00	$0.00	$38,410.00	$33,897.00	$30,500.00
Child Care Health Consultation (Statewide)	$0.00	$0.00	$6,667.00	$6,213.00	$8,000.00
Scholarships TEACH (Statewide)	$4,108.00	$1,615.59	$7,288.00	$7,288.00	$4,000.00
Home Visitation	$0.00	$0.00	$111,000.00	$0.00	$111,000.00
Community Awareness (Statewide) (FTF Directed)	$0.00	$0.00	$10,000.00	$952.00	$0.00
Needs and Assets	$9,600.00	$5,486.00	$4,257.00	$4,257.00	$9,000.00
Child Care Study	$0.00	$0.00	$8,202.00	$8,202.00	$0.00
Children's Budget	$0.00	$0.00	$94.00	$94.00	$0.00
Parent Kits - Study	$0.00	$0.00	$484.00	$0.00	$0.00
Evaluation 2012	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$7,724.00
Health Insurance Enrollment*	$26,265.00	$0.00*	$26,265.00	$26,265.00	$0.00
Food Insecurity*	$22,409.00	$0.00*	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total	$124,882.00	$127,415.38*	$275,167.00	$149,668.00	$170,224.00
Carry Forward to Following Year		**$26,033.62**	**$2.00**		**$64,811.00**

* The "Expansion: increase slots and/or capital expense" strategy reflects expenditures for that strategy and expenses for "Health Insurance Enrollment" and "Food Insecurity". This is due to a single agreement with one vendor for the three strategies. Additionally, $9,139.79 was paid to the contractor in excess of the actual expended amount (this amount is credited to the Regional Council account in the 2011 budget year).

Section II C Information about changes in funding level for strategies from 2011 to 2012

Strategy Name	Previous Funding Amount (SFY 2011)	New Funding Amount (SFY 2012)	Rationale for Change in Funding
Expansion: Increase slots in regulated classrooms/homes and capital expense	$62,500	*Unfunded*	The original intent of this strategy included encouraging the newly recruited child care homes to enroll in Quality First. The Regional Council decided to eliminate the funds for recruitment for SFY 2012, but to continue the collaboration with the Tribal Child Care Program without funds.
Quality First (Statewide)	$43,460	$42,500	There is a change on the statewide cost for child care home providers participating on this program. This was a new strategy in SFY 2011.
Scholarships TEACH (Statewide)	$4,108	*Unfunded*	Since the Regional Council has a great cross-regional collaboration with Central Pima Regional Council, the Regional Council decided to eliminate the funds for SFY 2012, but to continue the collaboration with Central Pima and T.E.A.C.H. without funds.
Community Awareness (Statewide) (FTF Directed)	$10,000	*Unfunded*	Since the Regional Council and Coordinator has been working with KPYT Radio on the creation and recording of Public Service Announcements and Did You Know Facts about early childhood development and health issues, the Regional Council decided to eliminate the continuation of funds in SFY 2012 and instead plan for in-kind contributions to the cross-regional communications efforts in SFY 2012.
Health Insurance Enrollment	$26,265	$0	The Tribe has several staff that are doing health insurance enrollment and providing information to community members about the Yoeme Health Plan. Funding this strategy would create duplication of services.
Carry Forward	The Regional Council decided to have intentional carry over on the SFY 2012 Funding Plan in order to expand the scope of the Regional Council's current work to address lack of early childhood care and education programs on the reservation. If there is a possibility to create a Pre-K expansion strategy for the region, the Regional Council will request meetings with the Tribal Council to discuss and develop this strategy in partnership with them and community stakeholders.		

Section III
System Building Impact

Throughout the year, the Regional Partnership Council has had rich and insightful discussions about the early childhood development and health system that this Regional Council is creating in collaboration with the Tribal Council, staff and community members. Tribal Council and staff, and community members participated in workgroup discussions and regularly attended Regional Council meetings. In addition, the Regional Council has a wealth of knowledge about the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT) since the members are from different Tribal departments/programs including education, health, procurement, grants and contracts, and the radio station, as well as from Pima Community College.

Specifically, during the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012 strategic planning and funding plan development workgroup sessions, Regional Council members and Tribal staff evaluated the regional needs and existing strategies based on information from:

- Pascua Yaqui Tribe region's core social/program values and prioritized needs.
- Arizona Early Childhood Task Force Recommendations
- State Fiscal Year 2010 program implementation
- 2010 Regional Needs and Assets Data (the consultant shared verbally some of the preliminary rough data)
- Opportunities for cross-regional collaboration.

Through this process, it was determined that Quality First aligns with the First Things First Priority- **Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings** and T.E.A.C.H. fits into the **Professional Development System** that First Things First and community partners are creating in Arizona. Both strategies work closely with the Tribal Child Care Program and the Head Start since there is a lack of quality child care for all ages and most markedly for infants and toddlers. The Pascua Yaqui region has one high quality preschool program that is operated by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Education Division. The Early Childhood Program, Ili Uusim Mahtawapo, provides services to 130 children and is at full capacity with a current waiting list of 44 children. This program is dually funded by Head Start and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has family child care homes in operation that serve children birth through five and school age children. The Child Care Program that is under the Tribal Social Services Department provides support to the family child care home providers. Clearly, building the capacity of high quality early care and education programs was a priority for funding. Family child care homes was the most appropriate approach to take to address capacity during the SFY 2010 and SFY 2011 with the long-term goal of creating of a child care center on the reservation.

In SFY 2010 and SFY 2011, the Regional Council decided to implement a Child Care Homes Recruitment strategy with the requirement that providers receiving First Things First funding enroll in Quality First in the second or third year of the three year grant cycle (2010-2012). The Regional Council believes that Quality First will support programs in raising their level of quality through the support of a coach/mentor, improvement grants, professional development scholarships, and assistance to local families in quickly identifying child care settings that are optimal for their child's development because of the star rating that will eventually be assigned to these sites.

In spite of the fact that the Regional Council did not allocate funds for Child Care Homes Recruitment services for SFY 2012, the Regional Council and First Things First staff recognizes this as a valuable strategy and will continue the collaboration without funding with this Tribal partner. The Regional Council will continue their support by

providing Quality First, T.E.A.C.H. and other First Things First programs information to family child care home providers and community members in Tribal communities and also to the Tribal Head Start staff.

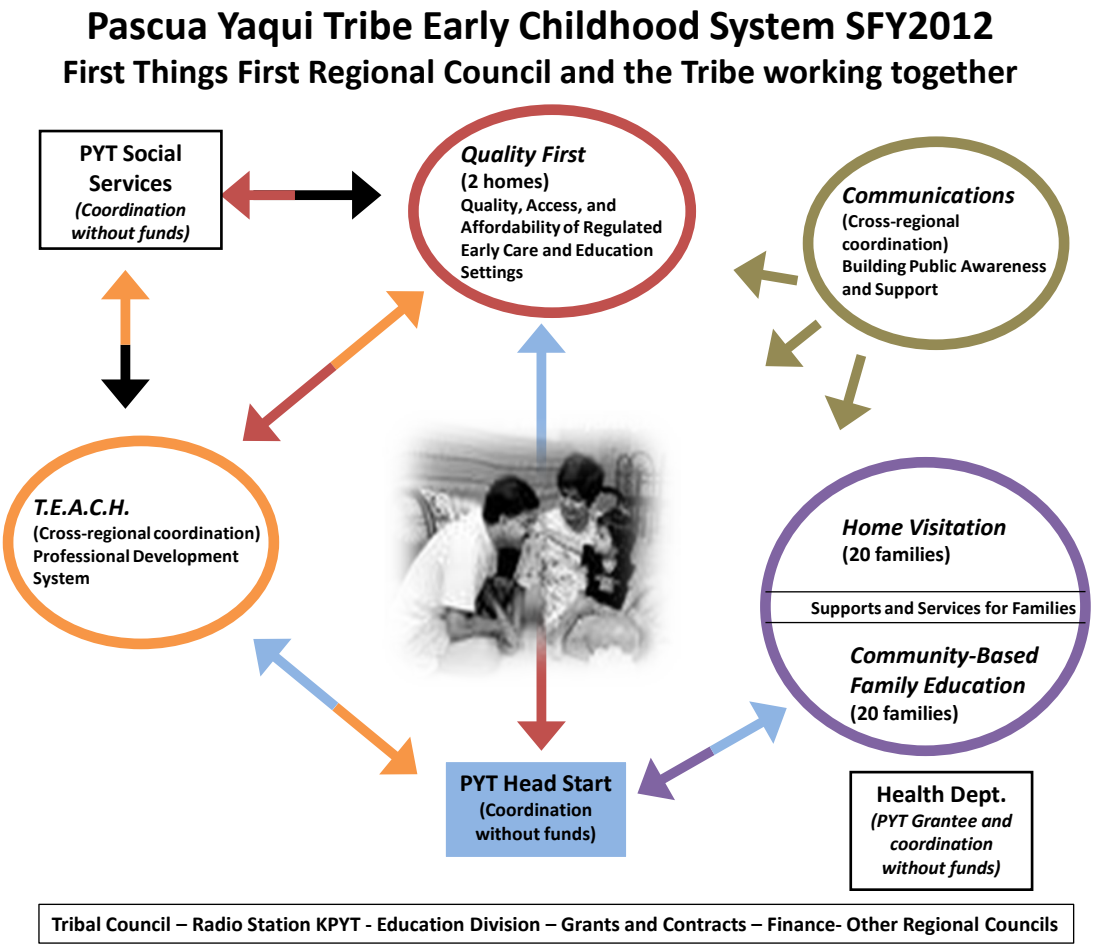
First Things First has contracted with a tri-university consortium to conduct a child care demand and capacity study that will provide detailed information about the cost and quality of child care including estimates of the amount of unregulated care in regions that are participating. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council allocated funds to participate in this study and results will be shared with Tribal Council and the community to engage them in conversations related to the creation of a child care center on the reservation. This provides a tremendous opportunity for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, First Things First and other community stakeholders to enter into a partnership in order to provide a facility that will significantly impact the life of the Pascua Yaqui children by giving all children a quality educational experience.

Closely tied to high quality child care is the need for highly qualified teachers and caregivers. Providing T.E.A.C.H. scholarships for early childhood educators to continue their formal education is a valuable investment with a high return that will allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to strive toward this goal. The Regional Council has developed a great cross-regional collaboration with Central Pima Regional Council to provide T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to the tribal early childhood professionals that serve tribal children under age five in Pima County, allowing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council to utilize their limited allocation to address other needs. Also, Central Maricopa Regional Council has committed to include Pascua Yaqui Tribe early childhood professionals in their regional allocation for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships.

The Regional Council is committed to provide **Supports and Services for Families,** so more families who want or need assistance will have access to a continuum of services, supports, and resources in their community to increase their competence and confidence to ensure their children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. The region has few programs to provide family support services such as home visitation and parent education to meet the needs of families with children birth through five on the reservation. The Tribal partner that will implement this strategy will also work closely with the Tribal Head Start to access this center waiting list in order to provide support to the families on this list that are ready to receive services.

Also, the First Things First priority-**Building Public Awareness and Support** is addressed throughout the communications strategy that has provided an opportunity for cross-regional collaboration among the five Regional Partnership Councils in Pima County. In addition, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council Community Outreach Plan that has been implemented without funds has provided opportunities to inform Tribal caregivers of children five years and younger about early childhood program and services, in particular First Things First statewide initiatives and regionally supported strategies and early childhood development and health information through great partnerships with KPYT Radio Station, the Yaqui Times, Tribal Council, and Tribal departments.

The following visual reflects the early childhood development and health system that the Regional Council is creating in partnership with the Tribal Council, Tribal staff, community members, and other Regional Partnership Councils. A wide array of opportunities have been created for connecting services and programs that touch children and families and enhance service delivery and efficiency. In order to develop a working system there is a need for a continuum of services, evaluation of the impact, and tools for communicating improved outcomes.



Other Coordination and Collaboration Opportunities

There have been many opportunities that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council has participated in to coordinate and collaborate both within and across the region.

With the Pascua Yaqui Tribe:

- On February 25, 2010, the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Chairman sent a letter to the First Things First Executive Director to inform that the Tribe would like to continue to be designated as the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council and have their tribal lands designated as a separate region.
- Representatives of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (Vice Chairman Robert Valencia, Tribal Councilman Luis Gonzales and Tribal Liaison Juanita Ayala) actively participated in the First Things First Tribal Consultation. Three Regional Council members also attended this consultation.
- The SFY 2011 Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair were introduced as the new Regional Council leadership to the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council. The Tribal Council reiterated their support to this Regional Council.
- Eight members of the Regional Council attended the 2010 First Things First Arizona Early Childhood Summit including two who participated on different panel discussions.
- Tribal Council approved by Tribal Resolution the combined 2008-2010 Needs and Assets Research Proposal. Regional Council, Coordinator and Consultant worked with the Tribal Council, Tribal Liaison, Tribal staff and community members to collect regional data and surveys through various community outreach activities.

- Regional Council members and the Regional Coordinator had meetings with Tribal staff to organize the First Things First Check Award Presentation. Chairman Yucupicio invited the entire community and Tribal staff to this presentation.
- First Things First staff conducted a First Things First presentation to approximately 300 Pascua Yaqui Tribal staff and Tribal Council members. Chairman Peter Yucupicio informed the tribal staff and council members there about the SFY 2012 First Things First allocation and the work that has been done on the reservation to design a comprehensive system of early care, health and education for the Tribal's youngest children.
- The Regional Council has been using the Head Start, Social Services, Radio Station and Health Department facilities for workgroup sessions and meetings throughout the year. Also, the Head Start has provided lunch on various occasions for the Regional Council meetings.
- Partnership with the Tribal Radio Station to produce and broadcast Public Service Announcements (PSA) in English and Spanish.

Across the regional area:

- The Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair presented on behalf of the Regional Council a thank you letter to the Central Pima Regional Council for the 15 T.E.A.C.H. scholarships that Central Pima has been providing to tribal early childhood professionals that serve tribal children under age five.
- In the coming months, a Tribal Family Support Program may attend the local Family Support Alliance meetings, which are held in this regional area for both First Things First and non- First Things First funded entities working in the area of home visitation. This Alliance coordinates referrals and services for families within North Pima, Central Pima, South Pima and Santa Cruz communities.

With the Census 2010:

- The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council submitted an application to the Census 2010 to receive free promotional materials with logos for both Census 2010 and First Things First. The amount awarded by the federal government through Census 2010 was $1,981.50, which was paid directly to the vendor. The Regional Council utilized these materials at community outreach activities.

New Pascua is the federally recognized reservation land located in Pima County. This community is the designated recipient of the First Things First allocation according to the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board state statute. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has seven other traditional communities in Pima, Maricopa and Pinal County where the Tribal government also provides services.

The Regional Council appreciates the opportunity to meet and work with other Regional Councils in Pima and Maricopa County on behalf of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe children and families. The Regional Council strongly believes in communication and collaboration among regions and they look forward to continuing this great cross-regional collaboration among these regional councils that have Pascua Yaqui Tribal communities in their regions.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council and its community partners will continue to work to create and sustain a coordinated network of early childhood programs and services for the young children of the region.