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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2013

Call to Order

The **Regular** Meeting of the **South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council** scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 2013**, at **8:30 a.m.**, held at **Travis L. Williams Family Center, 4732 South Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85044.**

Chair James Washington called the meeting to order at approximately **9:57 a.m.** and welcomed attendees and council members. Introductions were held.

Members PRESENT

James Washington, Chair
Patricia Merk, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Jennifer Quillin
Jasmine Sanchez
Jeremy Wood (teleconference)
Lorraine Salas, Ph.D.
Elizabeth McNamee (teleconference)

Members ABSENT

Riann Balch
Kristi-Langley Wells
Yolanda Robinson

Consent Agenda

Chair James Washington called for a motion to approve the **October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**. Member Quillin moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Member Sanchez seconded. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Chair James Washington welcomed Lisa Sams with Association of Supportive Child Care (ASCC). Ms. Sams provided an update on the statewide TEACH Strategy outreach and program activities in the South Phoenix Region.

Community Presentation: Golden Gate Community Center

The council welcomed Sara Gonzales, Golden Gate Community Center Director. Ms. Gonzales shared the Center's mission, programs, and services the center provides the community. She also shared the community's statistics and the center's funding streams.

SFY14 Program Implementation

Director Jonathon Gonzales provided the following implementation updates on the following strategies:

Strategy: Nurse-Family Partnership – Director Gonzales presented a SFY14 contract budget modification/amendment submitted by Maricopa County of Public Health to increase the allotment by \$20,000 due to salary increases required by Maricopa County. Chair James Washington called for a motion to approve the contract budget modification/amendment as presented by Director Gonzales. *Member Sanchez declared a conflict of interest due to her employment with Maricopa County of Public Health and abstained from discussion and voting.*

Motion: Vice Chair Dr. Merk motioned to approve the SFY14 contract amendment/modification to increase the allotment by \$20,000. Member Wood seconded. Motion carried.

Strategy: Developmental and Sensory Screening - Director Gonzales updated the Council on the implementation status of the strategy. He is working with FTF Staff in developing a strategy worksheet that meets the requirements to select and obtain a vendor/facilitator. Vice Chair Dr. Merk and Member McNamee will champion the implementation and provide guidance on the Councils behalf. Director Gonzales will continue to provide updates at future Council meetings.

SFY15 Phoenix SOUTH Funding Plan Recommendations

Director Gonzales provided a brief overview on how the SFY15 Funding plans for the two new Phoenix regions, Phoenix NORTH and Phoenix SOUTH were derived and the adoption and voting of the two funding plans by all three current Phoenix Councils. He further explained how the SFY15 grantees and grants will implemented in the two new regions. The Board will approve the Phoenix SOUTH and Phoenix NORTH SFY15 Funding Plans in January, 2014.

MOTIONS:

Quality First Strategy “Package” – *Members Balch and Wood declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.*

Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Quality First Package. Member Sanchez that the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council approved the Quality First Strategy Package for **97 centers** and **30 homes**, with an estimated funding allotment as presented in today’s funding plan document. The Quality First package includes the following strategies for enrolled providers; Quality first Academy, Warmline Triage, and the Warmlines for Child Care Health Consultation, Inclusion, Mental Health Consultation, Quality First Coaching and Incentives. The Quality first package includes Child Care Health Consultation for a budget allotment of **\$313,960**. The estimated amounts included in the motion will be updated and finalized according to the Quality First model and the Quality Ratings of the enrolled sites and brought back to the Regional Council at a future meeting.

Quality First Scholarship Strategy - *Members Balch and Wood declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.*

Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Quality First Scholarships. Member Sanchez moved that the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Child Care Scholarship Strategy; including an estimate of **1,152** scholarships for programs enrolled in Quality First, which includes **52 scholarships for 0 to 5 year old**, **327 scholarships for 3 to 5 year olds in 3 to 5 star rated centers**, and **47 scholarships for Maryvale and Laveen zip codes**. The total budget allotment for the strategy is estimated to be **\$8,544,490**; pending Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council decision on additional scholarships. The estimated amounts included in this motion will be updated and finalized according to the Quality First model and the Quality Ratings of the enrolled sites and brought back to the Regional Council at a future meeting.

Family Support Coordination Strategy – *Member Dr. Salas declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.* Chair

Washington called for a motion to approve the Family Support Coordination Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Family Support Coordination Strategy in the amount of **\$625,500** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Family Resource Center Strategy – *Vice Chair Dr. Merk declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.* Chair

Washington called for a motion to approve the Family Resource Center Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Family Resource Center Strategy in the amount of **\$1,212,970** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Sanchez seconded. Motion carried.

Family, Friends, and Neighbor Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Family, Friends, and Neighbor Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Family, Friends, and Neighbor Strategy in the amount of **\$996,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Strategy in the amount of **\$333,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Sanchez seconded. Motion carried.

First Things First Professional Rewards Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the First Things First Professional Reward Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the First Things First Professional Rewards Strategy in the amount of **\$286,575** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Pre-K Mentoring –Transition to Kindergarten Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Pre-K Mentoring-Transition to Kindergarten Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Pre-K Mentoring-Transition to Kindergarten Strategy in the amount of **\$112,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Care Coordination/Medical Home Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Care Coordination/Medical Home Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Care Coordination/Medical Home Strategy in the amount of **\$1,616,624** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Developmental and Sensory Screening Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Developmental and Sensory Screening Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Developmental and Sensory Screening Strategy in the amount of **\$148,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Enrollment Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Health Insurance Enrollment Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Health Insurance Enrollment Strategy in the amount of **\$148,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Mental Health Consultation Strategy - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Mental Health Consultation Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Mental Health Consultation Strategy in the amount of **\$719,550** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Vice Chair Dr. Merk seconded. Motion carried.

Oral Health Strategy – *Member Sanchez declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.* Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Oral Health Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Oral Health Strategy in the amount of **\$751,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Recruitment-Stipend/Loan Forgiveness Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Recruitment-Stipend/Loan Forgiveness Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Recruitment-Stipend/Loan Forgiveness Strategy in the amount of **\$364,387** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Preventive Health Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Comprehensive Preventive Health Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Comprehensive Preventive Health Strategy in the amount of **\$300,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Prenatal Outreach Strategy – *Member Sanchez declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.* Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Prenatal Outreach Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Prenatal Outreach Strategy in the amount of **\$698,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Family Support – Children with Special Needs Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Family Support – Children with Special Needs Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Family Support – Children with Special Needs Strategy in the amount of **\$135,050** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Home Visitation Strategy – Strategy was **NOT** voted due to loss of quorum. The Council will reconvene at a later date to discuss and vote.

Director Mentoring Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Director Mentoring Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Director Mentoring Strategy in the amount of **\$311,194** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Parent Education Community-Based Strategy in the amount of **\$175,750** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Reach Out and Read Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Reach Out and Read Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Reach Out and Read Strategy in the amount of **\$18,500** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Court Teams Strategy – Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Court Teams Strategy. Member Sanchez moved to approve the Court Teams Strategy in the amount of **\$220,000** for SFY15 with the **targeted service units as indicated on Attachment #3**. Member Dr. Salas seconded. Motion carried.

Service Coordination, Community Awareness, Community Outreach, Media, and Statewide Evaluation Strategies - Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Service Coordination, Community Awareness, Community Outreach, Media and Statewide Evaluation Strategies. Member McNamee moved to approve the **Service Coordination Strategy** in the amount of

\$55,530, Community Awareness Strategy in the amount of **\$19,440**, the **Community Outreach Strategy** in the amount of **\$117,000**, and the **Media Strategy** in the amount of **\$98,500**, and the **Statewide Evaluation Strategy** in the amount of **\$1,213,309**. Member Sanchez seconded. Motion carried.

Community Outreach Update – Community Outreach Coordinator Rachel Egboro provided the Council and update of outreach activities in the South Phoenix region. Ms. Egboro also announced the grand opening of the Pendergast Family Resource Center on December 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Chairs/Council Member Updates

Member Sanchez shared Preventive Health Collaborative Family Resource Cards that are being distributed in South Phoenix Region.

Member Quillin shared her work she is currently doing with student loan counseling and forgiveness.

Member Dr. Salas invited the Council to an annual breakfast and tour of her organization.

Vice Chair Dr. Merk informed the Council she participated in a Town Hall on Early Childhood. There were approximate 170 attendees. Town Hall recommendations will be posted publicly and forwarded to the Department of Education. She also informed the Council that South Phoenix Regional Partnership Strategies were mentioned in the recommendations. Member McNamee also attended.

Member Wood shared that Neighborhood Ministries students are traveling to Washington D.C. to pray to VP Boehner for immigration reform. There will in articles in the Arizona Republic.

Chair Washington informed the Council Abrazo Health Care is promoting and educating the community on the implementation of Obamacare.

Director's Report

Council Holiday Celebration - Director Gonzales shared the confirmed date of Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. More details will be forwarded via email.

Cross-Regional Benchmarking Committee – Director Gonzales reported the Committee has not met, but will reconvene to set benchmarks for the remaining School Readiness Indicators and asked the participating Councilmembers to expect communication from Rosemary Galindo on meeting dates and information. He further explained the benchmark recommendations vetting process.

Next Meeting

There will be no official meeting in December.

The next meeting is slated for January 21, 2014, 8:30 a.m. but maybe rescheduled to the Board meeting on the same day. Rosemary will reschedule.

Adjournment

Chair Washington called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Quillin moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Sanchez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of December, 2013,

ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD

South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council



Rosemary Galindo
Administrative Assistant



Jonathon Gonzales, MPA
Regional Director

James Washington
Chair



Phoenix SOUTH Regional Partnership Council

SFY2015 Targeted Service Units

	Strategy	Service Unit	Target
Quality and Access	Quality First	Number of center based providers served	97
		Number of home based providers served	30
	Quality First Scholarships	Number of scholarship slots for children 0-5 years	1,152
	Quality First Pre-K Mentoring	Number of Private Community Partners	-
		Number of Public Community Partners	-
	Family, Friends & Neighbors	Number of home based providers served	752
	Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	Number of center based providers served	26
		Number of home based providers served	3
		Number of participating children with special needs	56
Professional Development	Scholarships TEACH	Number of professionals receiving scholarships	84
	FTF Professional REWARD\$	Number of incentive awards distributed	224
	Director Mentoring/Training	Number of participating professionals	150
Prenatal Outreach	Child Care Health Consultation	Number of center based providers served	95
		Number of home based providers served	30
		Number of Non-QF Centers	-
		Number of Non-QF Homes	-
	Care Coordination/Medical Home	Number of children receiving screening	5,792
		Number of children served	5,792
		Number of developmental screenings conducted	5,792
		Number of families served (HIE Assistance)	5,792
		Number of hearing screenings conducted	-
		Number of vision screenings conducted	-
		Developmental and Sensory Screening	Number of children receiving screening
	Number of developmental screenings conducted		-
	Number of hearing screenings conducted		777
	Number of vision screenings conducted		777
	Health Insurance Enrollment	Number of families served	888
		Mental Health Consultation	Number of center based providers served
	Number of home based providers served		12
	Number of tuition reimbursements distributed statewide		-
	Oral Health	Number of children receiving oral health screenings	11,480
		Number of fluoride varnishes applied	11,480
		Number of participating adults	5,303
		Number of participating professionals	186
		Number of prenatal women receiving oral health screenings	3,000
	Comprehensive Preventative Health Programs	Number of children served	-
		Number of families served	-
	Recruitment – Stipends/Loan Forgiveness	Number of therapists receiving loan forgiveness	14
		Number of therapists receiving stipends	14
Prenatal Outreach	Number of adults attending training sessions	772	
	Number of adults receiving home visitation	643	
	Number of children receiving screening	193	
	Number of developmental screenings conducted	193	
	Number of hearing screenings conducted	-	
	Number of vision screenings conducted	-	

	Strategy	Service Unit	Target
Family Support	Family Resource Centers	Number of families served	8,000
	Family Support Coordination	Number of families served	546
	Family Support – Children with Special Needs	Number of children receiving screening	56
		Number of developmental screenings conducted	56
		Number of families served	56
		Number of hearing screenings conducted	-
		Number of vision screenings conducted	-
	Home Visitation	Number of children receiving screening	661
		Number of developmental screenings conducted	661
		Number of families served	661
		Number of hearing screenings conducted	-
		Number of vision screenings conducted	-
	Parent Education Community-Based Training	Number of participating adults	352
	Reach Out and Read	Number of books distributed	481
Number of participating practices		6	
Coordination	Court Teams	Number of children served	1,000
		Number of participants attended	275
	Service Coordination	No Targeted Service Units	
Community Awareness	Community Awareness	No Targeted Service Units	
	Community Outreach	No Targeted Service Units	
	Media	No Targeted Service Units	
	Statewide Evaluation	No Targeted Service Units	



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Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2013

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2013, at 8:00 a.m., held at First Things First, 4000 North Central Avenue, 14th Floor Northwest Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

Chair James Washington called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 a.m. Roll call was held and the following members were present **TELEPHONICALLY**.

Members Present TELEPHONICALLY

James Washington, Chair
Patricia Merk, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Jennifer Quillin
Jeremy Wood (teleconference)
Lorraine Salas, Ph.D.
Elizabeth McNamee (teleconference)
Yolanda Robinson

Members ABSENT

Jasmine Sanchez
Kristi Langley-Wells

SFY15 Phoenix SOUTH Funding Plan Recommendation

MOTION:

Strategy: Home Visitation – *Vice Chair Dr. Merk declared conflict of interest, abstained from discussion and voting.*

Chair Washington called for a motion to approve the Home Visitation Strategy. Member Quillin moved to approve the Home Visitation Strategy in the amount of \$2,788,400 for SFY15 with the targeted service units of 661. Member Wood seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Council Holiday Celebration – Director Gonzales re-confirmed the Holiday celebration, December 10, 2013, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Rosemary will email additional information.

Next Meeting: No meeting in December. The January 21st meeting will be rescheduled due to Board meeting conflict.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2013

ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD
South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Jonathon Gonzales, MPA, Regional Director

Rosemary Galindo, Administrative Assistant

James Washington, Chair

Family, Friends & Neighbors Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	Comments
FTF-MULTI-13-0407-01-Y2	Association for Supportive Child Care	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$700,000.00	\$230,373.40	32.9%	<p>The grantee has experienced staffing challenges in filling vacant child care positions who assist with childcare during Kith and Kin training sessions. The grantee has temporarily utilized program staff and hired additional providers as part time temporary staff until the positions can be filled. The grantee is meeting CSU based on sessions crossing fiscal years. Based on the historical cycle of Kith and Kin, with additional sessions, the grantee is expected to meet or exceed the CSU.</p>
<p>The Arizona Kith and Kin Project of the Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC) provides support to family, friend and neighbor caregivers through weekly training/support group meetings. An average of 15 participants, per group, meet weekly for 14 weeks for a series of trainings on child development, health and safety, positive guidance and discipline, nutrition, early brain development, language and literacy, car seat safety and much more. Organized with the help of a community collaborative partner, group meeting locations are selected within the communities where family, friend and neighbor care providers live, work and play. The weekly gatherings are held in a supportive, workshop format where participants gain emotional sustenance from the other participants while learning about early childhood development, school readiness and safety. Providers receive concrete instruction and training, along with the distribution of related safety equipment. Upon completion of a 14 week training-support group session, participants are invited to attend a Health and Safety Conference each summer. Where applicable and as funding permits, transportation and on-site child care is provided, free of charge, to minimize barriers to participation.</p>				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
<p>Service Unit</p> <p>Number of home based providers served</p>				480	309		

Quality First Child Care Health Consultation Warmline Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
GRA-STATE-14-0629-01	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$4,636.72	\$131.11	2.8%	highest noted calls for TA were related to communication for community resources, sanitation, and the category of other which includes requested change of assigned CCHC staff, need for collaboration mtg etc. The warmlines are part of the QF package and the CSU is not part of the contract are an on call service to providers.
Provide Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC) Technical phone services delivered regionally, under the model outlined by First Things First.							
				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
	No service unit available at this time.						

Quality First Coaching & Incentives Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-STATE-14-0427-02	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$1,412,023.76	\$706,267.50	50.0%	<p>The grantee reported challenges to the delivery of coaching services within Maricopa County due to various reasons that include: cancellation by provider, coach out sick or on vacation, summer closures for school based centers, and other factors including the need to rebuild the relationships in the program. Actual service units reflects the enrolled QF providers, in South Phoenix. Currently, there is not a waitlist in the region.</p>
<p>The Valley of the Sun United Way Quality First partnership includes VSUW, ASCC, SWHD, UWTSa, ESB, and CFR and provides on-site, individualized coaching and incentive services for early childcare providers enrolled in Quality First. The program leverages resources to provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to improving the quality of childcare centers and in family childcare homes across Arizona. The system will continue to integrate Quality First Coaching and Incentives services with other supportive Quality First initiatives including TEACH, CCHC, and other initiatives supported by First Things First to improve the quality of childcare in Arizona, and support a child's successful entry into school as well as for success throughout life. The VSUW QF partnership is committed to implementing the new First Things First service delivery model, which includes full implementation of the Star Quality Rating System. VSUW and the partners will also continue to facilitate access to other early childhood programs and services available through their respective organizations as appropriate. The program includes local, regional and statewide meetings and coordination and educations/training efforts as needed between VSUW, UWTSa, and local coaching and incentive implementation organizations to ensure continuity of approach statewide and consistent, effective, efficient collaborative efforts.</p>							
<p>Service Unit</p>				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of Centers				68	55	57	
Number of Homes				28	24	25	
Number of Rating Only Centers				0	0	0	

Quality First Mental Health Consultation Warmline Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-STATE-13-0344-02-Y2	Southwest Human Development	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$21,609.77	\$9,023.74	41.8%	Noted outreach highlights impacting SPHx include outreach to SPHx CPS networking group--and as previously noted education and outreach to in home family providers. The warmlines are part of the QF package and the CSU is not part of the contract are an on call service to providers.
Warmline component of MHC contract							
Service Unit				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
No service unit available at this time.							

Quality First Pre-K Mentoring Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
ISA-MULTI-13-0487-01-Y2	Arizona Department of Education	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$111,540.00	\$83,652.03	75.0%	No noted challenges--mentoring is continuing and will be transitioning in SFY15. Total of 8 enrolled and being served, although distribution of public and private programs was not as predicted.
ADE is one of the joint administrative homes for the First Things First Pre-K Scholarships program, implementing the mentoring component of the PreK strategy. Designed to assist low-income families, the Program will ensure that these children will receive the opportunity to receive high-quality child care.							
Service Unit				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of Public Community Partners				4	7		
Number of Private Community Partners				4	1		

Quality First Pre-K Scholarships Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-STATE-14-0440-02	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$1,769,196.00	\$884,568.46	50.0%	QF scholarships that were unused were redistributed for 6 month period for children who would be transitioning to kindergarten so families would be minimally impacted when the scholarships end. This impacts the 3-5 age band that pre-k scholarships currently support.
Valley of the Sun United Way will be the administrative home for the First Things First Pre-K Scholarships program. Designed to assist low-income families, the Program will ensure that these children will receive the opportunity to receive high-quality child care.							
Service Unit				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of Pre-K scholarship slots				260	281		

Quality First Scholarships Strategy

Quality and Access

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS							
FTF-STATE-14-0440-01	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$5,028,109.00	\$2,513,130.00	50.0%	Scholarships that were unused were redistributed for 6 month period for children who would be transitioning to kindergarten so families would be minimally impacted when the scholarships end.							
<p>Valley of the Sun United Way will be the administrative home for the First Things First Quality First Scholarships program. Designed to assist low-income families, the program will ensure that these children will receive the opportunity to receive high-quality child care. Administrative duties include ensuring that provider information, children in their care, and the distribution of funding is collected, recorded and reported in a timely fashion.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Service Unit</th> <th>2014 Contracted Units</th> <th>2014 Q1 Actuals**</th> <th>2014 Q2 Actuals**</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of scholarship slots for children 0-5 years</td> <td>737</td> <td>514</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>								Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	Number of scholarship slots for children 0-5 years	737	514
Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**											
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Quality First Warmline Triage Strategy

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Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-STATE-13-0351-02-Y2	Southwest Human Development	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$8,403.80	\$3,491.31	41.5%	<p>The grantee reported the need to better provide warmline resources and utilization of services by Family Child Care providers. The grantee identified that the Smart Support MHC program staff had the same challenges--together the teams identified that staff should attend the NFCCP conference in Scottsdale, to increase awareness and understanding of available MHC and Warmline Triage Assistance. The warmlines are part of the QF package and the CSU is not part of the contract are an on call service to providers. The "triage" takes all incoming calls, then forwards them to the other warmline componets as necessary to meet needs of callers.</p>
<p>Southwest Human Development (SWHD) serves as the administrative home for the Specialized Technical Assistance Warmline. The TA Warmline will be integrated into the existing infrastructure and services of the highly successful Birth to Five Helpline, Arizona's only toll-free helpline for parents/caregivers and professionals who have questions or concerns regarding children birth to age five. SWHD is well regarded as an expert in child development, providing trusted guidance to parents and professionals through more than 40 programs. Currently, the Birth to Five Helpline is used as a resource by both families and providers. This commitment to serving families and professional caregivers and our experience connecting callers to community resources positions SWHD to successfully integrate the Specialized TA component laid out in the RFGA. the intentional targeting of child care providers and coaches and linkages to specialized TA for eligible callers is consistent with our existing approach in which we provide high quality, substantive services to all callers regardless of whether they are calling about their own children or with questions about other children in their care.</p>				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
<p>No service unit available at this time.</p>							

Director Mentoring/Training Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-RC014-13-0353-03-Y2	Rio Salado College	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$311,120.00	\$57,869.66	18.6%	<p>AZCECM provides coursework that helps participants meet the CD National Credential Assessment System requirements. Contracted Units reflect changes recommended by Senior Director, Evaluation and Program for a duplicated count. The TSU should be met by end of SFY14.</p>
<p>RSC has formed the new Arizona Center for Early Childhood Management (AZCECM) that includes both the Arizona Director's Academy (AZDAC) for center-based program administrators and the Family Child Care Management Academy (FCCMA) for family child care providers. AZCECM utilizes a triangulated model of coaching, peer-to-peer mentoring and consultation. Ten child care program managers and/or family childcare providers who currently own, manage or administer programs for childrenbirth through age five and their families in the South Phoenix Region will participate in the Project as proteges.</p> <p>Working with a Coach, proteges will work toward education and professional goals established in their individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) by (1) completing nine college credits in early childhood management and administration (120 clock hours); (2) participating in 30 hours of community-based training through conferences, workshops, and communities of practice; (3) engaging in one-on-one technical assistance and support from Peer-to-Peer Mentors and an HR Consultant; (4) receiving free membership in state and national professional organizations; (5) participating in center and home tours of model programs, and (6) engaging in face-to-face and electronic coaching throughout the project.</p> <p>Data collection regarding protege demographics, performance and outcomes will be conducted by an external Evaluation Consultant. Assessmenttool (PAS and BAS, StrengtsQuest, ACCUPLACER) will be utilized for all proteges. All reporting of project process/outcome evaluation measures will be provided as required.</p>							
Service Unit				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of participating professionals				150	28		

Professional Development

FTF Professional REWARD\$ Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-STATE-13-0346-01-Y2	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$194,400.00	\$97,771.89	50.3%	<p>FTF Professional REWARD\$ program has wrapped up the Fall 2013 cycle.</p> <p>Grantee was able to provide an incentive to 69 REWARD\$ applicants this Fall and used 73% of the FY2014 funds available for Fall awards. The funds that remain from Fall plus the funds allocated for Spring will be used during the Spring 2014 cycle. Between Jan. and March 2014, grantee will be reaching out to Early Childhood Educators in the South Phoenix Region ensure they are aware of FTF Professional REWARD\$ and encouraging educators to apply.</p> <p>The Targeted Service Units in the South Phoenix Region is 144 and the grantee is expected to meet or exceed the TSU. Of the 69 awardees, 27 had obtained a minimum of an AA Degree in Early Childhood Education or ADE ECE Teacher Endorsement (Tiers 6-9). The other 42 recipients were split as follows: 13 in Tiers 4-5 and 29 in Tiers 1-3. The average award in in SPhx. is \$763. ***This informaton was provided directly by grantee to director, and has yet be verified through FTF reporting process, with final performace numbers will appear in future reports.***</p>
				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
				Number of incentive awards distributed	181		

Professional Development

Comprehensive Preventative Health Programs Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
<p>The Preventative Health Collaborative strategy is designed to increase coordination and collaboration between preventative health programs that currently exist in a region, in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase the quality of prevention health services; - increase the skills and knowledge of community-based providers in specified preventative health areas; - reduce duplication of services for families with young children; and - increase the number of families being appropriately referred to health prevention programs and services. 							
				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Service Unit							
Number of children served				0			
Number of families served				0			

Health

Mental Health Consultation Strategy

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Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS															
FTF-STATE-13-0344-01-Y2	Southwest Human Development	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$492,000.00	\$183,289.70	37.3%	<p>Data for MHC is still being reviewed and analyzed to report to Regional Councils. According to narrative report the MHC/Smart Support staff is actively working to engage home providers via internal cross collaboration with various warmlines etc.</p>															
<p>Smart Support, a program of Southwest Human Development, is a focused mental health consultation model designed to provide an individualized response to early care and education providers who are wanting support with the social and emotional climate of their classrooms and/or are experiencing difficulty with a particular child or child care issue. The proposed model recognizes the central role of early care and education professionals, in partnership with parents, in promoting optimal outcomes for children, including preparedness to succeed in school. Mental health consultants will provide program-based support to early childhood care and education providers in an effort to build provider's skills, enhance providers ability to establish positive relationships with children, and, ensure the provision of a quality developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive care and learning environment. It is anticipated that programs will initially establish a relationship with a mental health consultant because of concerns related to a specific child/issue. Once established, however, the consulting relationship will expand to include a focus on program variables with the ultimate goal of improving teachers capacity to observe, understand and respond to children's needs resulting in an early care and education experience that supports the emotional well-being of all children.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Service Unit</th> <th>2014 Contracted Units</th> <th>2014 Q1 Actuals**</th> <th>2014 Q2 Actuals**</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of center based providers served</td> <td>20</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of home based providers served</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of tuition reimbursements distributed</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>								Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	Number of center based providers served	20			Number of home based providers served	8			Number of tuition reimbursements distributed	0	
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Oral Health Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
GRA-RC014-13-0492-01-Y2	MCCCD - Phoenix College	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$111,763.00	\$24,372.70	21.8%	<p>Grantee is successfully implementing in the FIRST full year of service. As previously shared with Regional Council, their quality assurance visit and report had glowing praise on the tracking of children and families, outreach to centers and the community. Noted challenges related to the delivery of service to prenatal women-it was identified as an action item to follow up for the grantee and program staff. The grantee is on target to meet CSU's other then noted for pregnant mothers.</p>
This proposal is to develop a community outreach program involving Phoenix College Nursing, Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Program students. In this program, they will learn about and provide oral health therapeutic, educational, screening and referral services for children from birth to 5 years of age, and educational services for their parents and caretakers.							
Service Unit				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of fluoride varnishes applied				750	104		
Number of participating adults				300	72		
Number of participating professionals				180			
Number of children receiving oral health screenings				750	154		
Number of prenatal women receiving oral health screenings				100	0		
ISA-RC014-13-0541-01-Y2	Arizona Department of Health Services	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$490,463.00	\$88,403.73	18.0%	<p>During the 1st quarter of the grant cycle, program services were maintained at both the Arizona Fluoride Varnish Program South Phoenix Regional Partnership sites: South Phoenix WIC Clinic located at 438 E Southern, Phoenix, AZ 85040, and Maryvale WIC Clinic located at 4002 N 67th Avenue Suite 10, Phoenix AZ 85033.</p> <p>OOH has requested that each individual AHCCCS health plan add fluoride varnish CDT code D1206 to the ADHS schedule of fees as a billable service. AHCCCS cost reimbursement is crucial to the sustainability and growth of the Arizona Fluoride Varnish Program. OOH has spoken with AHCCCS leadership in order to</p>
The South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council seeks oral health service delivery which will: reduce dental decay in primary and permanent teeth in children; provide dental screening and varnishing to children; monitor oral health status of children; assist children in obtaining dental care; provide educational training for children, teachers, parents and health professionals and provide technical assistance on dental public health issues; and coordination for follow-up dental care through existing referral networks.							
Service Unit				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of fluoride varnishes applied				6,528	1,358		
Number of participating adults				0	1,949		
Number of participating professionals				30			
Number of children receiving oral health screenings				6,528	1,448		

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Number of prenatal women receiving oral health screenings

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convey the importance of adding fluoride varnish to the ADHS schedule of fees as well as to emphasize the cost saving benefits of oral disease prevention and the value of the Arizona Fluoride Varnish Program. At this time, several AHCCCS health plans have denied Fluoride Varnish Program claims. OOH is continuing to work with each health plan collaboratively to establish fluoride varnish as a billable service. Health Choice is requiring a "Letter of Agreement" which has been in Procurement since May 2013. Grantee meeting TSU and expecting to meet CSU.

Prenatal Outreach Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-RC014-13-0378-01-Y2	Maricopa Integrated Health System	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$149,533.00	\$62,201.47	41.6%	<p>The Pre/Post Natal Outreach Program collaborates closely with many internal departments (MIHS Family Learning Centers, Mariposa Wings to Safety (domestic violence), dental clinic, and pediatric clinic). Externally grantee partner with Parents Partners Plus (PPP) providing all pregnant women seen by the perinatal outreach care coordinators with a referral to Parents Partners Plus for home visitation. Then PPP determines the appropriate home visitation program, and contacts the women to confirm enrollment and set up appointments. The care coordinators continue to reach out to community programs for mental health and substance abuse counseling and treatment. The Care Coordinators have listed their Group activities (Postpartum Depression Groups, nutrition classes, and Be Active/Eat Healthy Group) on community resource websites, and have distributed flyers to various agencies. Care Coordinators are also providing information on how and where women, infants and children residing in South Phoenix can receive medical services. On track to meet CSU. This grantee is not contracted to conduct HV services.</p>
<p>The Internal Care Program (ICP) is ultimately about improving birth outcomes and saving lives. The program goals are to: 1) Improve the health of women prior to pregnancy by identifying and managing risk factors and conditions that pose a risk to future pregnancy; and 2) improve birth outcomes for the women receiving care through the program. The practice setting is a clinic-based program at Maricopa Integrated Health System, a public safety-net health system that consists of an acute care hospital with a level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), 11 community-based family health centers and an adjacent outpatient speciality and primary care center. Enhanced, culturally-competent preconception, prenatal, internatal, and postpartum services that are not insurance reimbursable are provided by a bilingual English / Spanish community health worker and a care coordinator.</p>				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
<p>Service Unit</p> <p>Number of adults attending training sessions</p> <p>Number of adults receiving home visitation</p>				300	77	0	

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FTF-RC014-13-0378-02-Y2 **Maricopa County** 07/01/2013- 12 \$400,461.00 \$125,884.49 31.4%
Department of Public Health 06/30/2014

Maricopa County Department of Public Health's South Phoenix Healthy Start proposes to continue its current pre and postnatal outreach activities, which includes outreach and program recruitment for home-based families, case management and education services to pregnant women and parenting families living within the designated zip codes of South Phoenix, Maryvale and Laveen. SPHS has provided community health education and health promotion around prenatal and infant health and safety topics to tens of thousands community residents, which occurred during outreach events. SPHS will provide home-based services to over 400 unduplicated pregnant and parenting families, At least 20,000 contacts within the community will receive perinatal health and safety information, and at least 500 hours of small group, community based, education classes and activities will occur.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**
Number of adults attending training sessions	450	572	
Number of adults receiving home visitation	250	163	

This quarter a total of 195 prenatal/postnatal families living in South Phoenix zip codes received a full range of home visitation and education services. Last quarter, 57% of the cases were highest of risk, 21% moderate risk, 22% low risk. There were 312 individual health education activities that were delivered by Community Health Workers within the home visits during the reporting period.

Promotoras from Healthy Mother's, Healthy Babies-Maricopa County and HS team members and volunteers worked 4 outreach and recruitment events in South Phoenix last quarter reaching approximately 1,567 families due to the hot summer months. However, specific health messaging about Heat Safety and Sun Protection, Water/Pool Safety and RSV in July and August, Immunizations and Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment in August and September and Infant Mortality Awareness in September for Infant Mortality Awareness Month. 7 referrals for enrollment were linked from Promotoras. A decrease in active recruitment of home visitation services was deployed last quarter due to staff shortage and hiring process.

Continued participation, cooperative referrals for re-entry services and community leadership with Father Matters Reentry Mentoring Program and received 5 referrals last quarter of recently released from prison, high risk women from Central Phoenix zip codes for HS services.

The grantee has reconciled their data miscalculations from previous SFY. The ASU reflects caseload carried forward from previous SFY--this was an issue in the past, in Q4 of SFY13. Grantee has successfully resolved this issue, CSU and TSU can be resolved during renewal period.

Recruitment – Stipends/Loan Forgiveness Strategy

Health

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
GRA-MULTI-13-0518-01-Y2	Arizona Department of Health Services	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$364,387.00	\$247,659.84	68.0%	This quarter, South Phoenix provided additional funding for 3 new therapy slots via a contract amendment as of December 17, 2013. With this new funding, 2 slots have been filled with an SLP and an OT and 1 remains vacant although potentially will be filled prior to or at the conclusion of FY2014.
First Things First has provided funding to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Health Systems Development (HSD) since November 2009 to develop and administer the First Things First Early Childhood Therapists Incentives Program. Through an Interagency Service Agreement, the program was developed to provide loan repayment and/or stipends for health care professionals willing to provide age-appropriate early childhood development services to children birth through 5 in specified underserved regions of the State. The eligible disciplines are Arizona licensed Speech Language Pathologist, Physical/Occupational Therapist, Child Psychologist, and Mental Health Specialists. Since its inception, the program has established contracts with 21 early childhood therapists.							
				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of therapists receiving loan forgiveness				10	12		
Number of therapists receiving stipends				12	12		

Family Resource Centers Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-RC014-13-0380-01-Y2	Maricopa Integrated Health System	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$258,375.00	\$88,050.76	34.1%	<p>The Family Learning Center has continued to reach out to community agencies and groups to build relationships between the Family Learning Center and these organizations. Many community agencies and groups continue to offer to donate their time and resources to provide programming and/or supplies to the FLC. For example, when a referral for housing is requested the FLC may use Arizona 2-1-1 or the John F. Long Family Services Center. Food needs can be referred to the St. Mary's Food Bank, ICM, WIC, or SNAP. Literacy needs can be referred to the Palo Verde Public Library or the Golden Gate Community Center.</p>
<p>Maricopa Integrated Health System (MIHS) will create a nearly 1,100 square foot Family Learning Center (FLC) within the Maryvale Family Health Center located at 4011 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 85031, and embedded in the heart of the Maryvale community. The goals of the project are to: 1) renovate the existing space within the Maryvale FHC to create the Maryvale Family Learning Center (MV-FLC); 2) Hire a 1.0 FTE and a 0.5 FTE MV-FLC Family Health Coordinators; 3) provide culturally competent services to children and families seeking reliable health information, community referrals, education classes, literacy activities and insurance enrollment assistance; and 4) adhere to the First Things First Standards of Practice for Family Resource Centers.</p> <p>Nearly 6,000 patients visited the Maryvale Family Health Center in FY2011, of which 94% were of ethnic minority and 88% were specifically Hispanic. Inside the welcoming FLC, patients, their families and the community will be connected to reliable health information, education and community referrals via FLC staff that are bi-lingual in Spanish. The FLC will feature a children's area with space for storytime and children's books on health topics. Public computers will be available for users to view health education DVDs, on-line tutorials and have internet access. A group education area will provide space for health education and parenting classes. An office near the FLC will provide a private area for individual assistance by an eligibility specialist applying for health programs (e.g. AHCCCS, Kidscare).</p>				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Service Unit							
Number of families served				3,000	1,108		

FTF-RC014-13-0380-02-Y2 **Maricopa Integrated Health System** 07/01/2013-12 06/30/2014 \$285,426.00 \$114,700.46 40.2%

Maricopa Integrated Health System's South Central Family Learning Center (SC-FLC) provides one-stop provision of services, reaching MIHS patients as well as any community member who seeks: 1) reliable health information; 2) community referrals; 3) education classes; 4) literacy activities; and/or 5) health plan enrollment assistance. Services include the delivery of early literacy/reading programs; community information and referrals that support literacy and health living, financial concerns, child-care; and small group education sessions on a variety of topics important to health and child development.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**
Number of families served	2,800	945	

The grantee reported similar narrative data for the classes conducted at the SC FLC location, instead, included is a vignette of a family served by the FLC:
 During a recent Music Together class the teacher told the parents and children, "Let the kids participate and dance freely, there are no wrong ways to dance".
 One shy and timid little boy stood in the back just watching, not sure if he was comfortable participating, maybe he didn't know the right way to dance. On the other hand, his "big brother" was enthusiastically participating in the class, dancing, exploring the instruments and having a wonderful time. The little boy took his time observing the other children interacting with one another, the teacher and the musical instruments.
 As time progressed, the little boy became more comfortable and gradually worked his way back into the group. A short time later, with renewed confidence, he enthusiastically picked up instruments, joined in the dancing, and discovered how much fun music can be. Next class time, hopefully, there will be no hesitation to participate.

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FTF-RC014-13-0380-04-Y2 **Arizona Board of Regents** 07/01/2013- 12 \$464,826.00 \$47,211.16 10.2%
for and on behalf of 06/30/2014
University of Arizona

The Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resource Center focuses on promoting positive early childhood development and readiness for kindergarten. The Center provides programs and educational opportunities for parents to learn about their children (0-5) and how to help them reach their potential. The resource center has a drop-in family resource room of developmentally appropriate toys, games and books for parents and children to use together. A series of classes are offered which include the following core programs: New Baby Care, Play and Learn/Play and Grow groups for children and their parents, Support leadership groups, Learn and read family literacy program, parenting classes, resource library and developmental and sensory screening.

The regular attendance at the Travis L. Williams Community Center monthly collaboration meetings continues to open the door to many opportunities and resources for the RECFRC Case. Other agencies who also attend have become much more aware of the RECFRC, and each month new families have presented at the Center requesting information on classes as well as referrals for community resources. This Quarter was spent preparing for identifying the resources that will be available for the upcoming holidays, Christmas, assistance with taxes, and health fairs. The RECFRC representative used these meetings to provide information about the Christmas Angel that led to new referrals to the RECFRC. As a result of the Outreach Worker contacting and networking with the DES, South Central, WIC South Central, Wesley Center, West Side YMCA, Rio Vista Center, Pregnancy Center and Benevilla, a number of families have been referred to the RECFRC for classes and workshops. In addition, the FRC referred families for car seats and car seat safety classes, employment opportunities, assistance with immigration, GED and ESL classes. The RECFRC participated in the ACT Kids Health Fair at the KROC Center where families received a number of services, including registration for Head Start, flu shots, hearing and vision screening, diabetes screening, and physicals. The RECFRC was located in the booth next to FTF which made it possible to provide participants with a thorough picture of all the service offered as a result of FTF.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**
Number of families served	1,200	841	

GRA-MULTI-14-0630-01	Pendergast Elementary School District	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$150,000.00	\$31,260.14	20.8%
<p>All families with young children who benefit from the resources and referrals offered through the Pendergast Information Center (PIC) will become empowered to enrich their lives and reach the peak of their potential. The PIC is an essential component of the Pendergast Early Education Campus (PEEC). PEEC is an early childhood campus with a focus on early learning, parent education and community outreach. The PIC is a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high quality outreach program that supports the development, health, and education of all PESD families and the surrounding community with a focus on families with children birth to age five. Services for families are centered on a holistic view of early childhood education with neighborhood outreach as a core component. The centralized, comprehensive services offered at our family resource centers create a unique synergy between the educational environment, families and communities. Families can access the supports they need in a "one stop" manner. The PIC model has a staff of highly specialized people, including a coordinator and three family outreach specialists. Each outreach specialist covers approximately four schools on a consistent schedule. These specialists support families by providing them with resources and referrals within their neighborhoods while coordinating parenting classes and literacy support. The philosophy of the Pendergast Information Center is built on the belief that all children will succeed to the greatest of their abilities throughout life when they are given a solid foundation that consists of a quality early childhood education and the support of caring, involved families and communities.</p>						
				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**
Service Unit						
Number of families served				900	231	

Ramp occurred in this quarter with the cleaning out of debris from the old library, additionally work has been conducted with external partners to paint the FRC, purchase developmentally appropriate materials, equipment and toys. Also, the grantee successfully opened the location in December and has contract for "Learning Basket" activities and has established a partnership with Kith and Kin to be hosted on site.

Family Support Coordination Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS							
FTF-RC014-14-0476-01	Landrum Foundation	10/01/2013-06/30/2014	9	\$141,152.00	\$18,949.00	13.4%	<p>Due to ramp up DATA reporting for this grantee will not begin until Q3. Staff has been successfully hired and meeting with Regional Director and Finance Staff in Decemeber to discuss start up budget and invoicing.</p> <p>Grantee reports in narrative that the goal for the 1st quarter was to hire staff, provide training and professional development and connect with providers funded by First Thing First Start up project. Recognition of grantee of challenges in regards to implementation. Grantee identified the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The program capacity efforts require the identification of additional agencies to increase the rate of referrals and build the capacity of the program. <p>Finding the population, although challenging, is building momentum daily. For example the Martin Luther King Head Start program identified more than 20 families that meet our Kinship Care criteria and will partner with us to distribute flyers those identified as a part of their monthly mailers. Kinship caregivers have emergent needs such as respite care, transportation, and the desire to be a part of a network or support groups.</p> <p>Regional Director is meeting with grantee to determine if CSU will be met by the end of SFY14.</p>							
<p>Family Support Coordination - The Landrum Foundation will address the multiple needs of kinship care families with children of incarcerated parents. Their approach includes a partnership with Unlimited Potential, to utilize programs, services and partners to reach these children through the kinship family households and by utilizing evidence-based programming (Strengthening Families and Parenting Wisely.)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Service Unit</th> <th>2014 Contracted Units</th> <th>2014 Q1 Actuals**</th> <th>2014 Q2 Actuals**</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of families served</td> <td>187</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**		2014 Q2 Actuals**	Number of families served	187				
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Home Visitation Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS							
FTF-RC014-13-0371-01-Y2	Tanner Community Development Corp.	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$1,089,615.00	\$317,041.89	29.1%	Continued collaboration with Fresh Start, Roosevelt School District, Cartwright School District, Paideia Charter School, and newly established partnership with South Mountain High School reaching out to pregnant and teen mothers. ASU reflects duplicated count and grantee is expected to meet CSU.							
The South Phoenix Regional Consortium (SPRC), a collaboration between Tanner Community Development Corporation (TCDC), the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension (UACE) and Childhelp Cummings Community Center will continue to offer a home visitation program in the South Phoenix Region using the Parents and Teachers (PAT) model. The program will focus on families living in distressed situations or high-risk families, e.g, low income, language barriers, family incarcerations, and teen parents.														
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FTF-RC014-13-0371-02-Y2	Maricopa County Department of Public Health	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$559,837.00	\$221,856.67	39.6%	MCDPH NFP has ongoing partnership with MIHS' Strong Start program through the Women's Health Clinic resulting in the referral of high risk pregnancies. Also, MCDPH has ongoing participation in the ADHS HV CQI committee collaborating with other HV programs to improve implementation and delivery of services. ASU reflects duplicated count and grantee is expected to meet CSU.							
Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidenced-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by the program is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. The goals of the Nurse-Family Partnership are to:														
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Family Support

FTF-RC014-13-0371-03-Y2 Southwest Human 07/01/2013- 12 \$649,630.00 \$254,987.76 39.3%

Development 06/30/2014

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- 2) Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care; a
- 3) Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

SPNFP received the most referrals in Q1 from MIHS, AHCCCS Plans, and WIC. WIC being the top referral into the program directly related to the grantee's bi-weekly presence at the MIHS clinic and Maryvale WIC clinic. Also noted that the North, Central and South NFP projects collaborated to socialize the clients to health and nutrition information/education for families. Exposing families to fruits and vegetables not always accessible for purchase etc. ASU reflects duplicated count and grantee is expected to meet CSU.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**
Number of families served	95	91	

Court Teams Strategy

Coordination

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	COMMENTS
FTF-RC014-14-0465-01	Prevent Child Abuse Arizona	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$219,999.00	\$61,747.11	28.1%	As of the beginning of the fiscal year, there five baby court judges hearing cases of children birth to age two years eight months who are in Maricopa County. the case laod of these childre is approaching 3000, as young are most likey to be reported to CPS. Grantee is expected to meet or exceed CSU and TSU for SFY14.
<p>Progam is a child welfare systems change and coordination effort based on a national initiative of Zero to Three called Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers. Juvenile courts, child welfare agencies, mental health and early intervention work together to expedite appropriate and timely services for young children and their caregivers, both biological parents and foster parents. Program provides training and technical assistance to local stakeholders to increase knowledge of and best practices for meeting the unique needs of infants and toddlers in the child welfare system. It also identifies and implements systems improvements across agencies that increase the odds young children will be able to heal from adverse experiences and thrive developmentally and emotionally throughout the journey to permanency.</p>							
				2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	
Number of children served				1,000	555		
Number of participants attended				325	212		



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GRANTEE CONTRACT RENEWAL PROCESS

SFY2015 (JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015)



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GRANT LIFE CYCLE

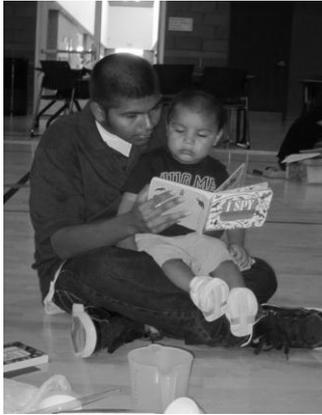


- Each grant has a **one year term**.
- The grant is **renewable** for up to a total of two years. We have some grantees who are in their first year of service/ implementation and some that are in their second year of service.


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RENEWAL PROCESS WORKFLOW



November / December

- Council sets its **strategic direction** via the **funding plan strategic planning** process.



RENEWAL PROCESS WORKFLOW

January / February/March

- Council presents **funding plan** to **state board / obtains approval.**
- Council determines which grantees are sent **renewal applications (all or select grantees).**



RENEWAL PROCESS WORKFLOW

March / April

- **Renewal applications** are sent to grantees.
 - Issuing an application is **not a guarantee of renewal**



RENEWAL PROCESS WORKFLOW



March / April

- Grantees have about **four weeks** to **complete** the application.
- **Application reviewed by FTF Staff.**
 - Council and Staff Determine the number of meetings needed to discuss all renewals



RENEWAL PROCESS WORKFLOW



May

FTF Staff **submit** Council's renewal decisions for **June** State Board meeting



Renewal Applications



- **Renewal Applications** are distributed in **March with a 4 week response time for grantees.**
- When the renewal application is completed, FTF staff will review the application and make recommendations to councils. **Councils will make final decisions.**
- Councils can decide **not** to renew a grant.



RENEWAL DECISIONS



Renewal Decisions can be supported by using:

- Grantee Performance Closeout Data
- Q1 Grantee Performance Data
- Q2 Grantee Performance Data
- Grantee Financial Closeout Expenditures
- Y-T-D Financial Expenditures
- Grantee Presentations



Decision to be Made by Council

Are there grantees who will not receive a renewal application?



Grantees Receiving Renewal Letter/ Packet

Letters/Packets going out on
February 21st



South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

"Eligible" Grantee Renewal List

Grantee	Goal Area	Strategy
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona	Coordination	Court Teams
Tanner Community Development Corp.	Family Support	Home Visitation
Maricopa County Department of Public Health	Family Support	Home Visitation
Southwest Human Development	Family Support	Home Visitation
Maricopa Integrated Health System	Family Support	Family Resource Centers
Maricopa Integrated Health System	Family Support	Family Resource Centers
Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of University of Arizona	Family Support	Family Resource Centers
Pendergast Elementary School District	Family Support	Family Resource Centers
Landrum Foundation	Family Support	Family Support Coordination
American Academy of Pediatrics - AZ Chapter	Health	Care Coordination/Medical Home
Maricopa Integrated Health System	Health	Care Coordination/Medical Home
Maricopa Integrated Health System	Health	Prenatal Outreach
Maricopa County Department of Public Health	Health	Prenatal Outreach
MCCCD - Phoenix College	Health	Oral Health
Arizona Department of Health Services	Health	Oral Health
Maricopa County Department of Public Health	Health	Comprehensive Preventative Health Programs
Rio Salado College	Professional Development	Director Mentoring/Training
Association for Supportive Child Care	Quality and Access	Family, Friends & Neighbors

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

January 2014 South Phoenix



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South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Summary of Activities (November –January FY14)

3 Presentations:

Sunset Elementary
John F Long Family Services Center Advisory Council
Phoenix College Dental Hygiene Students

4 Networking Meetings:

South Mountain Works
Healthy Start Consortium
Community Network Bridges
Preventive Health Collaborative

5 Speaker's Trainings:

4 Early Childhood Every Day Trainings (Pt.1)
*1 to Medical Community
1 Write Way Trainings (Pt. 2)
**Councilmember Jasmine Sanchez attended!*

8 One on One Meetings

2 Media:

Radio Disney "Brainmobile" & 3-month PSA
CBS Radio—COOL, KMLE, LIVE

Opportunities:

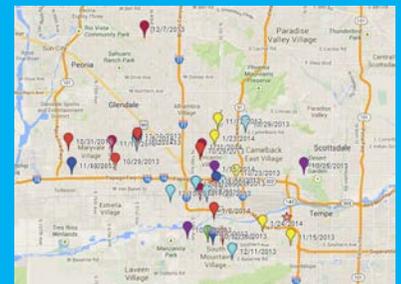
Site Tour @ MIHS Maryvale: Care Coordination & FRC
Thursday, February 13 from 1—2pm

Herberger Theater Young Artists Reception
Saturday, March 15 from 2—4pm

FTF Core Message of the Month

About 90% of a child's
brain develops before
age 5.

*Use this message to educate
individuals who may not
understand the importance of
Early Childhood. It's a great way
to start a conversation!*



Google

Maps outreach activity

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A Smart Approach

by Rachel Egboro



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Trina wasn't sure if she was prepared for her latest challenge. Thanks to TEACH she has returned to school and is working toward an associate degree in Early Childhood. She was able to balance the demands of her center, school and family when Scott's family transitioned him to her in-home center. When he first arrived, he barely spoke a sentence. His family hoped the smaller environment and individual attention would help his behavioral challenges, such as lengthy tantrums. Trina felt overwhelmed and inadequate in her ability to meet Scott's needs.



Trina and Julie during their weekly 1:1 meeting

However, Trina also participates in Smart Support, a benefit of being a Quality First center. The program helps early education providers respond to children with behavioral challenges. "When a kid starts out, you want their first experience in school to be successful," says Julie Rhien, Trina's Mental Health Consultant via Smart Support. "When the environment matches a child's needs, the kids are successful and that sets them up for life."

Trina, Julie and Scott's caregivers have all come to the table to strategize on how to encourage positive behavior by making changes in the home and classroom. Trina continues to enforce any routines the caregivers have at home and vice versa. Although the work is slow, it has a lasting impact. Three months after joining Trina's center, Scott is now potty-trained and expressing his wants and needs in complete sentences. The stable

environment offered at the in-home center helped him feel comfortable to explore and grow. Scott is learning to trust Trina and has even invited her to play with him.

"[At first] I felt overwhelmed and now I feel confident," says Trina.

Whenever Scott begins to feel upset, Trina takes his hand and says "let's take a deep breath." Together they sit and breathe until Scott relaxes. "I feel encouraged that I am doing something right!"



Trina and kids during story time.



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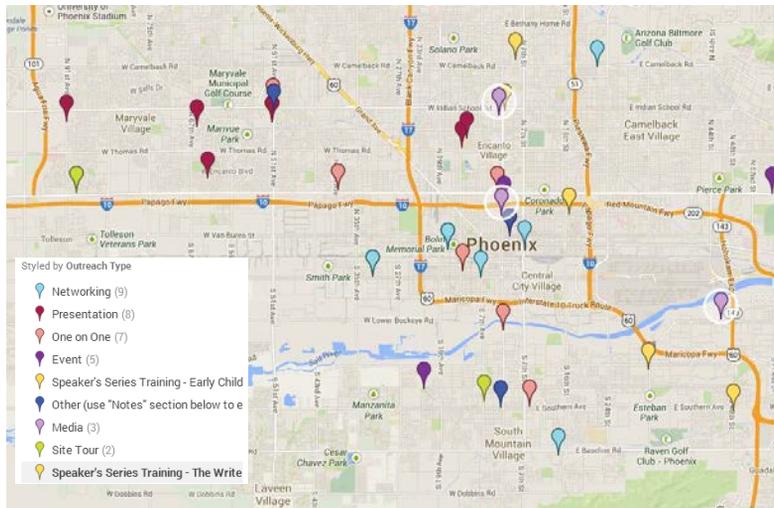


South Phoenix Community Outreach Report

*Rachel Egoro, South Phoenix
Community Outreach Coordinator*



Google Maps



Community Outreach Activities

Early Childhood Every Day



South Phoenix Healthy Start



About 90% of a child's brain develops before age 5.

Maricopa/Phoenix Cross Regional School Readiness Benchmarking Timeline

Targeted Date/Deadline	Action	Responsible Party
January 16 th 8:30 am – 10:30 am 10:30 am – 12:30 am – SPhx	COMMITTEE MEETING Rio Salado Community College Tempe Campus, Conference Center Set Benchmarks for #10, and #6 (SPhx)	Committee Dr. Kemp
February 11 th – March 12 th	Councils review/possible approval of Benchmark Recommendations <u>Meetings:</u> North Phoenix – 2/11 South Phoenix – 2/18 SW Maricopa – 2/18 NW Maricopa – 2/21 SE Maricopa – 1/28 Central Phoenix – 2/26 NE Maricopa – 3/11 Central Maricopa – 2/12	Regional Directors/ Regional Council Member Representative from Committee
March 13 th – 28 th	Community/Public Comments On-line Survey	
March 19 th	Community Forum – Evening	Dr. Kemp Jennifer Johnson Wendy Sabatini
March 20 th	Community Forum – Day	
April 9 th 8:30 am – 10:30 am 10:30 am – 12:30 am – SPhx	COMMITTEE MEETING Review Public Feedback/Input	Committee Dr. Kemp
April - May	Councils review/possible approval of Benchmark Recommendations <u>Meetings:</u> South Phx – 4/15 SW Maricopa - 4/15 NW Maricopa – 4/18 SE Maricopa – 4/22 Central Phx – 4/23 North Phx – 4/8 NE Maricopa – 5/13 Central Maricopa – 5/14	Regional Directors/Regional Council Member Representative from Committee
June	FTF State Board Reviews/possible approval of Regional Benchmarks	Michelle Katona, Chief Regional Officer



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Our Community. Your Leadership. Their Future.

90% of a child's brain develops before they enter kindergarten, and a child's early experiences lay the foundation for success in school and in life. That's why First Things First partners with parents and communities across Arizona to give kids the tools they need to arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed.

You can make a difference in the lives of young children in your community by volunteering to serve on a First Things First regional partnership council.

What is a Regional Partnership Council?

First Things First is committed to helping Arizona kids from birth to age 5 receive the quality education, healthcare and family support they need to thrive. This year, First Things First awarded \$117 million in grants for early childhood programs and services in 31 regions statewide. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made at the local level by First Things First regional partnership councils which represent the richly diverse communities across Arizona. Comprised of dedicated volunteers – including teachers, parents, healthcare professionals, faith, business and tribal representatives and community leaders – each regional council studies the unique needs of its community and decides how best to support its young children.

Why Should You Apply?

Serving on a regional council is a unique, high-level leadership opportunity to make a positive impact on children and families in your community. As a regional council member, you will help define priorities for funding and strengthen the services and supports available to young children and their families. You will collaborate with other passionate, dedicated community members. Your time, expertise and vision will be put to good use. Your work will help provide opportunities for young children to get a strong start in life.

The Process

Regional council members are appointed by the First Things First Board after a public application process. Applicants must work or reside in the region to which they are applying.

Seats on each regional council are designated for the following members:

- Business person
- Child care provider
- Early childhood educator/trainer
- Faith community representative
- Health services provider
- Parent of a child 5 or younger
- Philanthropy representative
- Public school administrator
- Tribal representative
- Other (at-large seat)

Those interested in applying to serve on a First Things First regional council must read the [Regional Partnership Council Member Application Guide](#) and complete an application. As part of the public application process, qualified applicants are referred to regional nominating committees for interviews. Regional council members are ultimately appointed by the First Things First Board. Appointed members serve four-year terms.

Note: Some of First Things First regional boundaries are changing in FY2015; see the Member Application Guide for a complete list of regions.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: serve@azfff.gov

Click to find your regional council(s) and to apply

"We're changing lives. Truly. So it's easy for me to want to be a part of this work."

Chris Tompkins
Central Phoenix Regional Council

Do you have questions?
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A close-up photograph of a woman with a joyful expression, smiling broadly. She is holding a young child, whose face is the central focus of the image. The child has dark hair and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The woman is wearing a yellow top with pink straps. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

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Regional Partnership Council
Member Application Guide

Job Description

First Things First regional partnership councils are voluntary local governance bodies responsible for planning and implementing actions to improve early childhood development and health outcomes within a defined geographic area of the state (a region). Regional partnership council members apply, are screened and interviewed, and then are appointed by the First Things First (FTF) Board.

Regional partnership council members provide vision and leadership, as well as local governance and oversight, for the development of programs, services and collaborations to ensure every child birth through age 5 is healthy and ready to enter kindergarten prepared to learn.

The ideal candidate for regional partnership council membership will possess:

- A passion for ensuring every child has every opportunity possible to succeed,
- The commitment to excellence in creating healthy, safe and developmentally-appropriate learning environments for young children,
- A belief in the strength of parents, and
- A belief in the value of community collaboration.

Purpose:

Each member of the regional partnership council is an integral part of the leadership team providing direction and vision toward the achievement of the goals of the First Things First within their region. Council members are responsible for conducting the duties as defined under the law (A.R.S. 8-13-1161) and oversee efforts for their region in partnership and with oversight of the FTF Board. Key responsibilities are local governance, strategic planning and advancing the mission of First Things First.

Requirements:

1. Applicants must work or reside in the region.
2. Applicants must provide three suitable references for contact.
3. Applicants must be willing to serve a four year term on the regional partnership council.
4. Applicants must be able to commit to at least ten hours of work per month, including meeting preparation, committee meetings and regional partnership council meetings.

Applicant Experience and Abilities:

1. Demonstrated ability to work well with others in a diverse setting.
2. Demonstrated ability to work for consensus and to collaborate.
3. Willingness to commit the time required for participation.
4. Ability to share ideas while respecting the views of others.
5. Ability to probe proposals assertively, knowledgeably and purposefully.
6. Ability to analyze proposals clearly and critically.
7. Demonstrated ability to communicate ideas clearly and participate constructively.
8. Ability to understand the fundamental and strategic needs of the region.
9. Evidence of prior experience serving on a business, community or agency governing board is considered extremely helpful, but is not required.

Responsibilities:

1. Act in the best interest of the region's children and residents.
2. Work to engage community participation region wide.
3. Attend all regional partnership council meetings.
4. Prepare for regional council meetings, including review of meeting materials and documents.
5. Attend workshops, member training and any other special meetings scheduled.
6. Promote the mission and goals of First Things First.
7. Oversee the development of the regional needs and assets assessment.
8. Develop and oversee a strategic plan (regional funding plan).
9. Recommend and award grants for funding and service delivery to achieve outcomes established by the FTF Board.
10. Conduct meetings and business according to the policies established by the FTF Board, including but not limited to operating under the requirements of Arizona's Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Law.

Resources:

1. Regional director and support staff to facilitate and support all aspects of the work of the regional partnership council.
2. Regional partnership council orientation, training and technical assistance as needed.
3. Mileage and per diem reimbursement for out-of-town meetings and trainings.

Background

In November 2006, the voters of Arizona passed a statewide ballot initiative that funds a voluntary system of early childhood development and health, establishing Arizona’s Early Childhood Development and Health Board known as “First Things First”. Arizona is now presented with an unprecedented opportunity to create an early childhood system that affords our children an equal chance to reach their fullest potential, provide families with real choices about their children’s educational and developmental experiences, and engage every community in sharing the responsibility as well as the benefits of safe, healthy and productive residents. First Things First has established a clear vision and mission to guide its work.

VISION

All Arizona’s children are ready to succeed in school and in life.

MISSION

First Things First is one of the critical partners in creating a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona’s children birth through age five.

The First Things First governance structure includes both a state level Board and local regional partnership councils. The model combines consistent state infrastructure and oversight with strong, local, community involvement in the planning and delivery of services.

- The First Things First State Board (the Board) consists of nine (9) volunteer members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and three (3) non-voting/ex-officio members who are state agency (Department of Health Services, Department of Education and Department of Economic Security) directors or appointees. The Board has responsibility for planning and implementing actions which will result in an improved system of early childhood development and health statewide.
- The regional Partnership Councils are voluntary local governance bodies responsible for planning and implementing actions to improve early childhood development and health outcomes within a defined geographic area of the state (a region). Regional partnership council members apply, are screened and interviewed, and then are appointed by the State Board.

The First Things First geographic regional boundaries were initially established in 2007. The boundaries are reviewed by the Board every two years. Any approved boundary changes are to take effect the following July 1.

Indian tribes recognized by the federal government with tribal lands located in the State of Arizona may:

1. Participate in the designated geographical region or regions in which their tribal lands are located, or;
2. Elect to have its tribal lands treated as a separate region by the Board. If a tribe so elects, it shall inform the Board by March 1 of any even-numbered year that it wishes to be treated as a separate region for the next two fiscal years.

Beginning July 1, 2014, there will be 28 regional partnership councils throughout Arizona:



See page 13 for details of the geographic areas served by each regional council.

Statutory Responsibilities

Each regional partnership council has a variety of responsibilities under the law. Responsibilities defined in ARS Title 8, Chapter 13, Section 1161 are:

- A. Identify the assets available for early childhood development and health programs in its region, including opportunities for coordination and use of other available funding sources.
- B. Identify and prioritize the unmet need for early childhood development and health programs in its region.
- C. Submit a report detailing assets, coordination opportunities and unmet needs to the Board biannually. (The First Things First Board shall have the discretion to approve or reject a regional partnership council's assessment, in whole or in part, or to require revisions.)
- D. Annually develop a regional plan for the expenditure, during the next fiscal year, of funds budgeted by the Board pursuant to 8-1184 to meet the needs identified in its region.
- E. Conduct the approved programs directly and/or make the approved grants pursuant to Section 8-1173.
- F. Increase parents' and providers' access to information about early childhood development and health programs.
- G. May solicit private funds from individuals, corporations and foundations to support its efforts to improve the quality of and access to early childhood development and health programs in its Region. The Board must approve any gifts received in response to regional partnership council solicitations.

Composition and Requirements

1. As defined in ARS Title 8, Chapter 13, Section 1162, each regional partnership council shall be made up of eleven members who reside or work in the region. Required membership for regional partnership councils is defined below. While examples are defined, individual applicants may qualify based on experience or a description not specifically included but which are consistent with community norms.
 - **Parent:** parent of a child five or younger at the time of their appointment to the regional council - including guardians who are the primary care takers of a child five or younger.
 - **Child care provider or preschool provider:** licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, certified by the Arizona Department of Economic Security, authorized by a tribal government or the U.S. Department of Defense or registered with Child Care Resource and Referral.
 - **Health services provider:** serving children birth through 5 years. This may include but is not limited to physicians, nurses, county health department lay-health workers, school nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, registered dietitians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, other physical and mental health services paraprofessionals.
 - **Public school administrator:** for the purposes of this requirement, charter schools established pursuant to Title 15 are considered public schools; this also includes tribal community schools and Federal/BIA schools on tribal lands.
 - **Early childhood educator:** Individuals providing early childhood professional development instruction, including but not limited to community college and university level instructors or administrators and other professional development organizations.
 - **Member of the business community:** an owner, officer, CEO or member of the executive management staff of a for-profit or not-for-profit business.
 - **Member of the faith community:** an individual with a voluntary or paid role within the faith community, a traditionalist in a tribal community, or other faith-based representation consistent with the community norms and titles.
 - **Member of a philanthropic organization:** a member of the Board of Directors or executive management staff.
 - **Tribal member representative:** a public official or employee of a tribal government. In addition to the specific public official or employee of a tribal government representative, tribal members may also participate in the regional council in any of the other categories listed.
 - **At large representative:** At Large membership is first available to tribal representatives from each tribal nation located in the region. The balance of membership must be a community member who lives or works in the region and who may, but is not required to, represent any of the categories identified above.

2. Members must either work in or reside in the region of the regional partnership council on which they serve.
3. Membership of a regional partnership council should, as much as possible, reflect the cultural, ethnic and geographic diversity of the population of the region.
4. Members of the regional partnership councils shall be appointed by the First Things First State Board. An application and selection process is in place in order to make recommendations to the Board.
5. After 2010, all terms of membership shall run in four-year terms, to begin and end July 1.
 - A. Initial terms of members for each regional partnership council were:
 - Five terms that began April 1, 2008, and ended June 30, 2010.
 - Six terms that began April 1, 2008, and ended June 30, 2012.
 - B. Following the initial terms above, all terms will be four-year terms:
 - Five which began July 1, 2010, and will end June 30, 2014.
 - Six which began July 1, 2012, and will end June 30, 2016.
6. Tribal nations included in a region (the tribe has not selected to have a separate regional partnership council) shall have a representative on the regional partnership council.
7. A regional partnership council with boundaries which include multiple tribal nations shall have a representative from each of the tribal nations included within the regional boundaries.
8. Regional partnership council members may serve on only one regional partnership council at a time.
9. Members of the regional partnership council who miss more than three meetings without excuse or resign their membership shall be replaced by the Board after a public application process and with the input of the regional partnership council. ARS 8-1162(c). The full attendance policy is available in the Regional Governance Policy.
10. Regional partnership council members are not eligible to receive compensation. They are eligible for travel expenses and reimbursement for subsistence pursuant to Title 38, Chapter 4, Article 2. Reimbursement shall be paid from the administrative costs account of the Early Childhood.
11. Members of the regional partnership council are immune from personal liability with respect to all acts done and actions taken in good faith within the scope of their authority during duly constituted regular and special meetings with approval of a majority of the regional partnership council.

Application, Selection and New Appointment Process

1. The application guide, job description and application for the regional partnership council membership are posted on the First Things First website, www.azftf.gov/serve.

Hard copy application forms can be downloaded from the website or are available by request by calling 602-771-5100.

2. Applications may be submitted online, by mail, or by fax:

- a. Application may be made online at www.azftf.gov/serve

- b. Applications submitted by mail shall be sent to:

First Things First

ATTN: Chief Regional Officer

4000 N. Central Ave., Suite 800

Phoenix, AZ 85012

- c. Applications submitted via fax shall be sent to: 602-274-6351

3. Applicants may apply for up to two regional partnership councils, one for where they live and one for where they work. If an applicant is submitting an application based on where they are employed, it is for the regional partnership council in which their office resides. If an applicant's work is conducted at multiple sites across multiple regional partnership councils then the applicant must select the appropriate region.
4. Applications must include personal or professional resumé/curriculum vitae from each applicant and three (3) references with contact phone numbers and emails.
5. This is a public application process. Applicants' names may be made available to the public at any time during the process.
6. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, First Things First will make reasonable accommodation(s) to persons wishing to serve as regional partnership council members. Persons with a disability selected for interviews may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by calling the First Things First offices at 602-771-5100. Requests should be made as to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.
7. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to 602-771-5100.

Screening

First Things First staff screens applications and refers qualified applicants to a nominating committee designated by the regional partnership council. The approach to review and screening includes:

- a. Applications are screened for required elements: applicant lives or works in the region; applicant meets the required description of at least one of the membership categories and/or is applying as a member at large; applicant has submitted requested references.
- b. Screening and rating for experience, skills and knowledge. A point process is utilized to screen the applications and rank based on knowledge, skills and experience demonstrated on the application. The point categories are aligned with the knowledge, skills and abilities identified in the job description.

The individuals scoring highest in each membership category shall be prioritized and forwarded to the nominating committee for interviews as council openings occur or prior to the beginning of new terms.

Interviewing and Appointment

1. Regional partnership councils will appoint at least three people to serve as a nominating committee. This committee may include regional council members, but should consist, at a minimum, of at least one community representative who is not currently serving on the regional council. The nominating committee is responsible for evaluating applications, conducting interviews of selected applicants, using the standard interview questions developed for this process, and directly recommending appointments to the Board.
2. The interview responses shall be rated, using a point system based on the responsiveness to the interview question, by each person on the interview panel. Following each interview panelists shall form consensus ratings for the interview.
3. Once interviews are completed, recommendations for regional council member appointments are forwarded to the First Things First Chief Executive Officer for review. The CEO may request additional recruitment and/or interviews be conducted or submit recommendations to the Board.
4. At the next scheduled First Things First Board meeting, the Board shall consider recommendations and may approve new appointments to regional partnership councils.
5. Newly appointed regional partnership council members shall be notified in writing by the First Things First CEO. Applicants who were interviewed but not appointed will also receive notification. Applications will remain on file for consideration for at least two years.

6. Following notification, new appointees shall:
- a. Sign a Letter of Commitment acknowledging their commitment and their awareness of conflict of interest issues.
 - b. Complete a declaration of potential Conflict of Interest; i.e. identify any potential conflict of interest such as investment in, ownership of, or employment with, an organization that may benefit financially from decisions of the Council.
 - c. Complete the Arizona Department of Administration Volunteer Registration Form.
 - d. Be provided with a regional council member orientation by First Things First staff.
 - e. Complete required documentation and required training for State of Arizona volunteer service including: I-9 form, Public Service Ethics Training, defensive driver training.

Conflict of Interest

According to the First Things First Board Policy:

Board members, regional partnership council members and employees of the Board shall comply with the conflict of interest provisions of A.R.S. Title 38, Chapter 3, Article 8 – 1173 (c). These statutes set the minimum standards expected of public officers and employees who, in their official capacities, are faced with a decision or contract that might affect their pecuniary or proprietary interests or those of a relative. Section 38-503 provides in part:

- A. Any public officer or employee of a public agency who has, or whose relative has, a substantial interest in any contract, sale, purchase or service to such public agency shall make known that interest in the official records of such public agency and shall refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner as an officer or employee in such contract, sale or purchase.
- B. Any public officer or employee who has, or whose relative has, a substantial interest in any decision of a public agency shall make known such interest in the official records of such public agency and shall refrain from participating in any manner as an officer or employee in such decision.

Under this law, a Board member, regional partnership council member or Board employee who has a conflict of interest must disclose the interest and refrain from participating in the matter. Board members, members of regional partnership councils and Board employees may find guidance on this subject in the Arizona Agency Handbook, which is available on the Attorney General's website.

<https://www.azag.gov/agency-handbook>. Failure to comply with these provisions will be cause for removal of the member from the Council.

Regional Boundaries Definitions

as of July 1, 2014

Cochise Regional Partnership Council provides services throughout Cochise County. It also includes all of ZIP code 85602, which crosses into Pima County.

Coconino Regional Partnership Council provides services throughout Coconino County and the tribal lands which include the portion of the Hopi Tribe in Navajo County, the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians and the Havasupai Tribe. It also includes the city of Winslow. The region does not include the city of Sedona in Coconino County, the portion of the Hualapai Reservation or the Navajo Nation in Coconino County, nor the Forest Lakes Community located in Coconino County.

Cocopah Indian Tribe Regional Partnership Council provides services in the communities of the Cocopah Indian Tribe Reservation.

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council provides services in the communities within the Arizona boundaries of the Colorado River Indian Reservation including the town of Parker, Arizona.

East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council provides services to the communities of Ahwatukee, Carefree, Cave Creek, Chandler, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Fountain Hills, Guadalupe, Paradise Valley, Rio Verde, Scottsdale and Tempe. The ZIP codes associated with those cities are: 85044, 85045, 85048, 85224, 85225, 85226, 85248, 85249, 85250, 85251, 85253, 85254, 85255, 85257, 85258, 85259, 85260, 85262, 85263, 85264, 85266, 85268, 85281, 85282, 85283, 85284, 85286, 85331 and 85377. The region does not include the portion of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Gila Regional Partnership Council provides services to Gila County including the communities of Claypool, Globe, Hayden, Miami, Payson, Pine/Strawberry, Roosevelt, Star Valley, Tonto Basin, Winkelman and Young, as well as the Tonto Apache Tribe. The region does not include the tribal lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe referred to as the Fort Apache Indian Reservation nor the tribal lands of the San Carlos Apache Tribe referred to as the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation.

Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council provides services on the tribal lands of the Gila River Indian Reservation Community.

Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council provides services within Graham County and Greenlee County. The region does not include the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation.

Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council provides services in the communities of the Hualapai Tribe Reservation.

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council provides services within La Paz County, Mohave County and the Arizona portion of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. The regional area does not include the Colorado River Indian Reservation, the Hualapai Tribe Reservation or the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indian Reservation.

Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council provides services throughout the tribal lands of the Navajo Nation within Arizona.

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council provides services in Navajo and Apache counties including the Zuni Reservation. The regional area also includes the unincorporated community of Forest Lakes. The region does not include the city of Winslow or the following tribal lands: Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Navajo Nation or the Hopi Tribe Reservation.

Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council provides services within the cities of Aguila, El Mirage, Glendale, Luke Air Force base, Morristown, Peoria, Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, Waddell, Wickenburg, Wittmann and Youngtown. The ZIP codes associated with those cities are: 85301, 85302, 85303, 85305, 85307, 85308, 85309, 85310, 85320, 85335, 85342, 85345, 85351, 85355, 85358, 85361, 85363, 85372, 85373, 85374, 85375, 85376, 85378, 85379, 85381, 85382, 85383, 85385, 85387, 85388 and 85390. The regional area also includes the portions of ZIP codes 85304 and 85306 within Glendale city limits.

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council provides services on the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Reservation in the community of New Pascua.

Phoenix North Regional Partnership Council provides services in the city of Phoenix, north of Thomas Road, and as far north as the county line. At the northern most point, this includes the ZIP code areas of 85086 and 85087, the communities of New River and Anthem. The region does not include the city of Phoenix portions of the following ZIP code areas: 85308, 85310, 85331 and 85254; or the Maryvale area: 85031, 85033 and 85037.

Phoenix South Regional Partnership Council provides services in the city of Phoenix, south of Thomas Road, but also including the communities of Maryvale, north of Thomas (full ZIP code areas of 85031 and 85033 and the city of Phoenix portion of 85037). The region does not include Ahwatukee.

Pima North Regional Partnership Council provides services to the communities of Catalina Foothills, Mount Lemmon, Marana, , Oro Valley, Rillito, the City of South Tucson, and the Central and Northern Foothills parts of Tucson, including ZIP codes: 85619, 85658, 85701, 85704, 85705, 85707, 85708, 85709, 85710, 85711, 85712, 85713, 85714, 85715, 85716, 85718, 85719, 85726, 85730, 85737, 85739, 85741, 85742, 85743, 85745, 85748, 85749, 85750, 85755 and the portion of ZIP code 85653 in Pima County. The region also includes Davis Monthan Air Force Base. As of July 1, 2014, ZIP codes 85746 and 85757, previously in the Central Pima region, are part of the Pima South region.

Pima South Regional Partnership Council provides services to Pima South County including Ajo, Amado, Arivaca, Green Valley, Lukeville, Sahuarita, Sasabe, Summit View, Three Points, Vail and Why, and some Tucson ZIP codes. Pima South ZIP codes include: 85321, 85341, 85601, 85611, 85614, 85622, 85629, 85633, 85637, 85641, 85645, 85706, 85735, 85736, 85746, 85747, 85756 and 85757. The region also includes ZIP code 85645 in Santa Cruz County. The region does not include the portion of the Tohono O'odham Nation in Pima County nor ZIP code 85602 in Pima County. As of July 1, 2014, ZIP codes 85730 and 85748 are no longer within the Pima South region and are instead in the Pima North region.

Pinal Regional Partnership Council provides services throughout Pinal County and the Ak-Chin Indian Community. The area does not include the portion of Apache Junction city limits or ZIP code 85120 within Maricopa County, or the tribal lands of Gila River Indian Community, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Reservation, the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation or the tribal lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council provides services on the Salt River Indian Reservation.

San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council provides services in the communities of the San Carlos Apache Tribe located on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation.

Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council provides services to the communities of Santa Cruz County. The region does not include ZIP code 85645 or the town of Amado.

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council provides services to the communities of Gilbert, Higley, Mesa, Queen Creek and the following ZIP codes in Maricopa County: 85120, 85142, 85201, 85202, 85203, 85204, 85205, 85206, 85207, 85208, 85209, 85210, 85212, 8213, 85215, 85233, 85234, 85295, 85296, 85297 and 85298. The region does not include the portion of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Gila River Indian Community or the portion of Apache Junction city limits outside of Maricopa County.

Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council provides services within the communities of Arlington, Avondale, Buckeye, Dateland, Gila Bend, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Palo Verde, Tolleson and Tonopah. The region also includes ZIP codes: 85139, 85322, 85323, 85326, 85333, 85337, 85338, 85340, 85343, 85353, 85354, 85392, 85395 and 85396 in Maricopa County. The region does not include the portion of Tohono O'odham Nation or Gila River Indian Community.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council provides services throughout the tribal lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona.

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council provides services in the communities of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

Yavapai Regional Partnership Council provides services in the communities of Yavapai County, including the the tribal lands of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The region also includes the portion of the city of Sedona located in Coconino County.

Yuma Regional Partnership Council provides services to the communities located in Yuma County, including the Arizona portion of the Quechan Tribe of Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. The region does not include the tribal lands of the Cocopah Tribe Indian Reservation.

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