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Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Coordinator's Monthly Report ~ December 2010

FTF Board and Statewide Update

- **First Things First Board:** The FTF Board Meeting took place on December 6th and 7th in Sierra Vista. The Meeting Agenda and entire library of attachments can be found on the First Things First website at: <http://azftf.gov/WhoWeAre/Board/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. A copy of the Statewide Strategy update is included as Attachment 3b.

Regional Update

- **Regional Partnership Council Membership:** Three seats are currently vacant: Philanthropy, Health Service Provider, and School Administrator. A recommendation for the School Administrator position will be considered by the FTF Board at their January meeting.
- **Cocopah Regional Partnership Council in the News:** On December 3rd, 2010, the Yuma Sun ran an article regarding the check presentation that was held at the Housing office on December 1st, 2010. A copy of the article is included as Attachment 3c.
- **Food Assistance and Nutrition Strategy:** Discussions have been ongoing with the Yuma Community Food Bank to come to a resolution on what would best meet the needs of the children in the region. Further developments on this issue will be discussed during the Regional Partnership Council meeting.
- **Comprehensive Family Support Strategy (Early Steps Program):** The Cocopah Indian Tribe has hired a new staff person for the Early Steps program. A meeting is scheduled with the Early Steps Specialist on December 27th to provide her with an overview on First Things First and the Scope of Work detailed in the Grant Agreement.

Upcoming Events

January 18th: AZ Indian Tribes and Nations Legislative Day, Phoenix, AZ

- The Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs, in partnership with the AZ State Senate, and State of Arizona Tribal Liaisons, will host the 16th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. The purpose of this day is to celebrate the rich culture and history of Arizona's Tribes and Nations and also to address issues of mutual interest.

January 24th and 25th: First Things First Board Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

- The presentation of the Cocopah Regional Funding Plan to the First Things First Board is scheduled for 12:50pm on January 25th. Dr. Reed and Chair McCormick will be presenting the Funding Plan to the Board. Regional Partnership Council Members who are not presenting in Phoenix are able to view the presentation via "Live Meeting" from the Yuma FTF office.

February 2nd: Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting

- The next Regional Partnership Council meeting will take place at 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2011.