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The Honorable Chairwoman Sherry Counts
Hualapai Tribal Council
PO Box 179
Peach Springs, AZ 86434

Dear Chairwoman Counts,

On behalf of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council, I am requesting to be on the agenda for the January 2013 meeting of the Hualapai Tribal Council to present the Regional Partnership Council's recommendations for their Funding Plan for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014, which begins July 1, 2013.

With a total allotment from the First Things First State Board of \$111,687 for SFY2014, the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council has remained committed to the youngest children and families in the region. With your support and partnership, the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council is implementing six strategies to address the following two prioritized needs: 1) Parent education and access to information, resources, and high quality care, specific to a child's healthy start in life, and 2) Educational and professional development for early childhood providers to provide high quality care and education. The strategies of the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council include:

1. Home Visitation (Maternal Child Health) - Provides voluntary in-home services for infants, children and their families, focusing on parenting skills, early physical and social development, literacy, health and nutrition. Connects families to resources. The SFY2014 target is 30 families.
2. Food Security - Distribute food boxes to families in need. The SFY2014 target is 600 boxes.
3. Native Language Enrichment - Provides materials, awareness and outreach to promote native language and cultural acquisition for the young children of Tribal families. The SFY2014 target is to provide 150 bilingual (Hualapai/English) board books.
4. Scholarships T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) - Provides scholarships for higher education and credentialing to teachers. The SFY2014 target is two scholarships.
5. Expansion (Infant/Toddler Care) - Recruits new or existing providers to begin to serve or expand services. Funding for this strategy was set aside for use during the current (SFY2013) fiscal year.

6. Statewide Evaluation - Includes the studies and evaluation work which inform the First Things First Board and the 31 Regional Partnership Councils. Examples are baseline Needs and Assets reports, specific focused studies, and statewide research and evaluation.

Attached are two documents to describe the Regional Partnership Council's implementation plan in this effort to build an early childhood system so that all children have the opportunity to be healthy and succeed in school. The first document is a list the First Things First School Readiness Indicators with the three indicators highlighted signifying the selection of the Regional Partnership Council. The second document is the Funding Plan Summary including the *proposed* budget allotments for State Fiscal Year 2014. With Tribal Council's support, the Funding Plan will then go before the First Things First State Board for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Pascual". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ashley Pascual
Regional Director
First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Enclosures:

- 1- First Things First School Readiness Indicators
- 2- State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan Summary

cc: First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Members