

Navajo/Apache REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL Funding Plan Update/Operational Plan

Population-Based Allocation: \$761,591

Frontier Adjustment: \$304,205

Emergency Child Care Scholarship Allocation: \$197,621

Emergency Food Box Allocation: \$4301.00

Total Funding to Date: \$1,267,718

#	Strategy Name	Description	Regional Allocation	Funding Agreement	Status	Cross Regional Opportunities
1	Early Childhood Learning Lab/Model School	During the next year, the Council will create a collaborative partnership between Northland Pioneer College, regional school districts and school boards, regional child care centers, regional NACOG Head Start Centers, Department of Economic Security, Navajo and Apache County Workforce Development, teachers, parents and families, and other community partners to create an Early Childhood Development, curriculum-based, learning lab model for child care and preschool.	\$50,000.	<p>April 2009 - government to government agreement with Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, Educational Service Agency as lead agency. This agreement calls for the inclusion of all school districts in the region to be involved in the creation of the model that will be developed to describe the child care/preschool lab school. Linda Morrow and Lannie Gillespie will be the primary contacts on this grant.</p> <p>This agreement is going to the Board for the June 9 meeting so that it can fund in July 2009.</p> <p>Agreement was approved in June.</p> <p>Agreement signed by both parties 9-11-09</p>	<p>12-09-09 I am placing a self hold on the FY 2011 funds pending completion of the Model Development.</p> <p>1-5-2010 Linda and Lannie will attend the grantee coordination meeting on Jan 14th.</p>	

2	Recruitment of Early Care and Educational Professional Workforce	Professional development scholarships; intended for child care providers working in the region who are pursuing CDA/AA/BA degrees who do not qualify for TEACH, PCPP, or PELL (or have additional allowable costs)	\$14,000. 5-13-09 ammended to be \$21,551.00	Government to government.	1-5-2010 Charlene has received the signed agreement from Karalea, and has asked Karalea for a copy of the BOS minutes that gives her the approval to be the signor on the contract. 1-5-2010 Karalea has responded and is working on this request.	
3a	Professional Development Pathway System	Offer additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to child care professionals outside of <i>Quality First!</i>	\$27,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy	12-23-09 RPC voted to not fund TEACH for FY2011. 1-5-2010 Currently there are 2 TEACH applicants in this region – these numbers mirror those in other parts of the state.	
3b	Professional Development Pathway System	Planning year to create a workable infrastructure and tracking system for community-based trainings.	\$2,000.	Government to government with Northland Pioneer College	1-5-2010 Claude is working on survey questions and will send them to me as soon as she has them. The next planning meeting is scheduled for the 25 th of Jan.	
4	Advocate for on-site, employer-sponsored child care	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will encourage and advocate for large employers to sponsor employer-based child care settings for employees ^{ivv} . This strategy would include a training component intended for employers to let them know the requirements, costs, procedures and “employer-felt” benefit information to promote establishing employer-based child care centers	\$49,966.	Procurement agreement with Applied Economics, Inc.	12-09-09 Sarah will attend the January 13 RPC meeting, as well as a grantee coordination meeting on the 14 th . 1-5-2010 Sarah has finished the research survey and the write-up. She will present findings and report to the RPC at the next meeting.	
5	Child Care Home Study	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will partner with the Coconino Regional Partnership Council to conduct an area-wide study over the course of one year regarding this phenomena: Family choice for child care Barriers to becoming a certified Family Child Care provider	\$50,000.	6-9-09 Potential inclusion/participation in state-wide study and IGA with the University Consortium.	12-23-2009 The RPC instructed me to obtain more information about what the increase in funds wilbe used for, and why they are needed. Any decision related to increasing funds will be pended ono this information. 1-5-2010 I will be attending the Child Care Study meeting this week on the 7 th with the Consortium and NAU to discuss how the two studies will work together. Hopefully I’ll get enough info to explain the request for more funding to give to the Council.	Collaborating with Coconino Region; possibly participating in state-wide study looking at Supply/Demand for Child Care, as well as reasons behind child

		Barriers to certified Family Child Care providers engaging in established programs for increasing quality.				care quality levels of centers/homes and reasons behind parent's choices for child care that they make.
6	Expansion of Child Care Openings	Administrative Home to manage a Fund to be used for grant award to child care centers and/or homes to expand high quality child care and preschool openings.	<p>\$275,000. DISCRETIONARY REQUEST 275,000</p> <p>\$182,008 10-14-09 RPC voted to move \$40,000 to Beautiful Beginnings for FY 2010; and to move the remaining \$142,008 to carry-over for SFY 2011.</p>	4- 8-09 this went out as as RFGA for an Adminsitrative Home.	<p>10-14-09 The Council has decided to allocate \$40,000 of these funds to the FY 2010 budget for Beautiful Beginnings, and to move the remaining \$142,008 to carry-over funds for SFY 2011.</p> <p>10-16-09 Emailed AK, CS, MK with the above detail and asked for guidance on how to proceed.</p> <p>10-21-09 Two conference calls scheduled to determine next steps for this action.</p>	
7	Child Care Health Consultant	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to provide increased access to Child Care Health Consultants for lawfully operating child care homes and centers who are not enrolled in Quality First.	\$50,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy.	12-23-09 Rita Logue attended the RPC meeting and introduced herself. She has completed the Omaha Data Base training system, and will begin her CCHC specific training in January and February.	
8	Oral Health Screens and Varnish	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will provide oral health screens and varnish application to infants and toddlers in early child care settings and other appropriate community settings. This process will include a parent education section for each child seen, as well as community education, outreach, and awareness tor the general community to raise awareness related to the importance of good oral health.	\$15,000.	<p>4-8-09 Went out as RFGA</p> <p>7-8-09 Navajo County Public Health District is ony applicant, funding has been recommended.</p> <p>8-26-09 Board approved</p>	9-8-09 Annoucned award to the RPC.	
9	Implement Healthy Steps	Healthy Steps represents a significant innovation in the way pediatric primary care can be delivered. Based on the standards and principles of Bright Futures and the American Academy of Pediatrics Health Supervision Guidelines, Healthy Steps enhances and expands traditional pediatric care by including	<p>\$105,000. \$104,519 is amount requested</p>	6-8-09 RPC recommendations are going forward to the FTF Board for funding, on the June 9 agenda. This will be an RFGA with North Country Health Care.	1-5-2010 Narative report was submitted, Q&A completed. Deborah will update the Council at the next meeting	

		a child development specialist as part of the pediatric practice team.				
10	Nutrition Education and Outreach	Because of the widespread problem of childhood obesity, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council is particularly interested in ensuring that early care and education providers, as well as families, receive guidance around nutrition issues. This topic will be an area of emphasis for individuals working with early care providers and others who work with young children in the region. This strategy is a comprehensive approach to prevent childhood obesity by reaching children, parents, child care staff, and the community.	\$13,750.	3-5-09 RFGA released 4-16-09 no applications received.	12-23-2009 RPC approved replacement strategy for FY2011.	
11	Early Literacy and Parent Education	Given these facts, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will work to expand the capacity of early language and literacy programs to provide supports and services to young children and their families.	\$39,000. \$31,931.	3-5-09 Released as RFGA Reach Out and Read in the Applicant who is recommended for funding.	1-5-2010 ROR conference call was cancelled for today – will reschedule to discuss above concerns with ROR executive staff, Charlene and Lindsay. Hopefully have completed by Jan 13.	
12	Expand home visiting program network	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to augment the provision of the Arizona Parent's Kit with the addition of a home visiting component to support new parents as they become more accustomed to parenting their infants.	\$139,788. 10-14-09 RPC added \$40,000 to the FY 2010 contract using unspent FY 2010 funds.	4-1-09 RPC met to approve funding program under FTF emergency response bid waiver. Contract is an agreement/partnership is between Northland Therapy Services, Hummingbird Early Intervention, and Summit Regional Healthcare.	1-5-2010 Reviewed latest data with Lindsay – narrative report feedback and clarifications were sent today to Jody asking her to be specific on how she plans to fulfill her contract through the rest of the contract year. The FTF staff recommendation is not to amend the contract. This info will go to the RPC for discussion at the Jan. 13 meeting.	
13	Working in partnership with the Regional Partnership Councils and FTF Board, implement a community awareness, education, and mobilization campaign to build the public and political will necessary to make early childhood development and health one of Arizona's top priorities	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council recognizes the importance and effectiveness of working in partnership with the Regional Councils and the FTF Board, speaking with one unified voice for young children to mobilize the community around a call to action. The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will determine the mechanisms most appropriate for this region to deliver the messages as developed from the statewide communications plan,	\$25,000. \$16,250.00 State-wide allocation: \$9750 Statewide allocation: \$6500		12-23-09 RPC allocated \$25,000 to FTF communications plan for FY2011.	

		raising the community's awareness, and enlisting individuals as champions for early childhood development and health.			
14	Emergency Food Boxes	Provision of supplemental food and commodity boxes to families in need; boxes will meet the WIC guidelines for food contents for infants and toddlers, additionally diapers and other baby items may be included in the boxes.	\$132,000.00 from RPC; \$4301.00 statewide funding. Total for region is \$136,301.	Emergency response funding under bid waiver	1-5-2010 Received the December report from Linda today – fairly high level, but does indicate that food boxes are being distributed.
15	Emergency Child Care Scholarships	Provision of emergency child care scholarships to families at or below 200% FPL, scholarships are provided to child care centers/homes who have applied for QF!.	\$180,000 from RPC; \$197,621 statewide funding. Total funding for region is \$377,621.		1-5-2010 Scholarships should be in force through May or June 2010. RPC will continue to fund in FY 2011.
Carry Forward to FY 2011			166,053.00 0.00 13,784.00 10-14-09 \$155,792		3-11-09 RPC moved all carry-forward funds to home visiting strategy. 5-13-09 RPC voted to hold Nutrition strategy funds as carry-forward to FY 2011 for same strategy. 10-14-09 Council moved \$182,008 from Child Care Expansion strategy to carry-over for FY 2011.
Total Regional Allocations			\$1,267,718		
TOTAL Expenditures FY 2010			\$1,253,968		

Statewide/State Funded Strategies

Strategies	Statewide funding or numbers	In Our Region	Status
Quality First!	6-9-09 213 enrolled; 91 pending orientation	3 centers and 2 homes	6-8-09 3 centers and 2 homes are eligible; all are identified; initial assessments and visits are taking place now 6-30-09 Per Jill, all QF sites will be officially participating and listed on the web-site as of 7-6-09 9-22-09 15 centers/homes are on the waitlist; need clarification on why 4 centers/homes are listed on the QF! report.
QF! Rating Scale			6-9-09 Planned end date for planning/design is July 31, 2010 for implementation. Mini pilot study possibly planned for spring 2010
T.E.A.C.H.		\$27,000 additional funding outside of QF!	6-9-09 TEACH presentations/orientations are being scheduled – July 11 in Holbrook. Good grades are now required for continued funding and bonuses; BA's will be supported sooner than originally planned. QF scholarship apps will be completed this month 7-29-09 TEACH training session will be hosted in Lakeside 7-30-09 No QF! attendees for the 29 th . 8-19-09 QF! and non-QF! live meeting scheduled.
Child Care Health Consultants			6-9-09 contract signed with Pima Co. Dept of Health for QA and TA; contracts will local health depts. being pursued 7-16-09 Talked with Kelley, both Navajo and Apache Pub Health have declined the contract; she will contact Apache Co PH again and will offer the option to be a pass-through with the stipulation that Hummingbird Early Intervention be subcontracted with (Tam Talbot has training, is engaged with the community and is ready to go). If this doesn't work, my suggestion is to approach the Apache Co Higher Ed Committee/Apache Co to be govt-govt partner with the same agreement details (sub-contract w/ Hummingbird).. My additional input was to pursue procurement or sole source contracting with Hummingbird directly. Reviewed all with AdiShakti – she and I agree that the appropriate outcome is to have Hummingbird Early Intervention be the ultimate provider – so it makes sense to use the most expedient process to reach that outcome. Kelley indicated that she would re-contact Apache

			<p>Co. PH on her own, and will copy me on the emails. I'll keep AdiShakti up to date/ 7-20-09 No emails from Kelley to Apache Co PH, or anyone else. 7-22-09 conference call scheduled for 7-28 at 10:30am with Kelley, me, and Elizabeth Kizer 8-4-09 Apache County wants the contract, BOS has approved. 8-14-09 Rec'd update, Apache county has signed the contract. 1-5-2010 Rita Logue has been hired and is completing training. Also, Chris Sexton is the new Health Department Director</p>
Parent Kits	To date, over 15,000 have been distributed since Feb. 2009		<p>As of March, Az Parent Kits available at Summit Regional in Show Low. 7-14-09 Gave contact info for Sarah Basinger, new OB Dept head, to Susan Perkins Fry. 7-30-09 A second shipment of Kits was delivered to the hospital in June – 17 cases of 12 – all in English. I confirmed that Sarah can request additional Kits at any time, in English or Spanish, by contacting Susan. Beyond the amount ordered, there are no current numbers about how many have been delivered – other than to know that the initial shipment of 204 was gone by the time the second shipment arrived. So – perhaps 250 have been distributed from Summit since inception. 8-27-09 Dr. Barela estimated that 300 babies have been born this year, so these numbers make sense.</p>
Physician Loan Forgiveness Admin Home			Scope of work being worked on now, RFGA should go out this summer
Early Childhood Advisory Group			AZ has a state-wide grant to fund this work; in conversation now with other state agencies
WAGES Administrative Home			<p>RFGA was cancelled; SOW will be re-worked and RFGA will be released this summer 8-14-09 Work still being done on the SOW, branding concerns related to FTF being the funder, and Rhian wants this to be a flagship initiative for FTF – like QF! 10-15-09 RFGA re-released for state-wide administrative home 10-16-09 Detail requested from Claude on buy-in options for RPC for FY 2011, FY 2012. Initial contract period of 5 months, second contract period is 1 year. 12-23-09 RPC elected NOT to fund REWARDS for Fy 2011 – perhaps in later fiscal years.</p>
State-wide Longitudinal Study			<p>6-5-09 Study design being done now; tools have been identified to assess child development; regional presentations will be scheduled in the next few months 8-24-09 Karen Applequist with NAU contacted me looking for evaluators, I asked her for a job description and requirements and will forward to ACYC and Navajo County Connection groups, as well as the RPC. I'm recommending Randy Heinrick, will ask him who else he recommends. 8-26-09 Karen forwarded along the job description – I sent it along to the group.</p>

ⁱ "Child development knowledge and early childhood teacher preparation: Assessing the relationship—A special collection"

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ⁱⁱ "Preparing the workforce: early childhood teacher preparation at 2- and 4-year institutions of higher education"-

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ⁱⁱⁱ "Child development and classroom teaching: a review of the literature and implications for educating teachers"

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^{iv} *Meeting the Needs of Today's Workforce: Child Care Best Practices* (1998); World Wide Web: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/wb/>

^v National Child Care Information Center; World Wide Web: <http://nccic.org>