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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Partnership Councils recommended Government Agreements

BACKGROUND: The attached table provides information on the strategies being implemented by government agreements and state procurement contracts. The table includes recommendations for 2011 funding plans for Gila River Indian Community, LaPaz Mohave, Central Maricopa, Northwest Maricopa, South Phoenix, Pinal, Hualapai Tribe, Coconino and Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Councils and one statewide agreement. The total amount for these agreements is $1,427,961.

The approval for the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Council agreement with the Nation is for SFY10 and SFY11. There will be no expenditures for SFY10 and legal counsel has advised that the Board can approve the agreement. Approval of the SFY10 agreement will allow the SFY11 agreement to be executed by the Nation.

RECOMMENDATION: FTF staff recommends approval of these agreements.

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Regional Partnership Council
Recommended Government Agreements,
Procurement Awards and Amendments to Statewide Grant Agreements

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Government Agreements: $ 1,427,961		
Regional Partnership Councils with Strategies to Increase Quality, Access or Affordability of Early Care and Education		
Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council	**Pre-K Expansion- Summer Transition to Kindergarten:** Expand early education and classroom experience for 4 and 5 year old children through the expansion of Summer Transition to Kindergarten school based programs. This program provides pre-school opportunities and screening services for families in the region that have been on waiting lists for child care.	Tribal Agreement with local Bureau of Indian Education School, Casa Blanca Community School Total $ 23,342 Contract service numbers: Total number of public school district or Bureau of Indian Education school pre-k sites: 1 Total number of private/public community partner pre-k sites: 0 Total number of FTF funded pre-k students: 30 children Contract period: 4/ 1/11 – 6/ 30/11
La Paz/Mohave	**Pre-Kindergarten Expansion:** Increase Pre-Kindergarten slots in school district programs where known shortages exist, including districts with a lack of regulated care and districts with high number of families on the waiting list to receive a Department of Economic Security (DES) child care subsidy.	Government agreement with the Bullhead City Elementary School District. Total in FY 11: $60,000 Contract service number: Number of public school district Pre-K sites: 1 Number of community partner Pre-K sites: 1 Number of FTF funded Pre-K students: 20 children Contract period: 2/1/11-6/30/11.

Tohono O'odnam Nation Regional Partnership Council	**Expansion: Pre-K and Head Start:** Expand Head Start programs and services that are already proving to be effective on the Nation by expanding Head Start slots and by providing funding to supplement enrollment of children who do not meet the Federal eligibility criteria.	Government agreement with the Tohono O'odnam Nation SFY 2010: $158,508 SFY 2011: $250,000 Second contract period: 7/1/10-6/30/11 Contract service numbers: 3 Head Start Centers; Gu Vo/Pisinemo, San Xaiver, San Lucy Total number of FTF funded students: 42, 14 at each of 3 centers.
Regional Partnership Councils with Family Support Strategies		
Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council	**Food Insecurity** Support families with young children when they lack access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food in order to meet the dietary needs of both young children and parents who care for them through the distribution of food boxes.	Grant Agreement with United Food Bank (State Contract) Total $145,000 Contract service numbers: 5,000 Food Boxes Contract period: 02/01/2011 – 06/30/2011
Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council	**Food Insecurity** Support families with young children when they lack access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food in order to meet the dietary needs of both young children and parents who care for them through the distribution of food boxes.	Tribal Agreement with Gila River Indian Community Commodities Program Total $ 10,000 Contract service numbers: 450 food boxes Contract period: 2/1/11 – 6/30/11
La Paz/Mohave	**Home Visitation:** In-home family support and community-based parent education for children of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and in the Mohave Valley area and their families. Services will build on existing resources to: 1) Assist families in advocating for timely and adequate services for children at risk	Government agreement for home visitation with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe . Total in FY 11: $42,268

	for developmental delay or disability who are not eligible for early intervention or special education services; and 2) Expand families' access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources that support children's optimal development and health.	Contract service number: 20 families Contract period: 2/1/11-6/30/11
Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council	**Food Insecurity:** Support families with young children when they lack access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food in order to meet the dietary needs of young children through the distribution of infant formula.	Tribal agreement with the Hualapai Tribe Health Department. Total: $2,499 Contract period: 2/1/11-6/30/11 Contract service numbers: 98 food boxes delivered
Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council	**Family Support Coordination:** Create a Child Development and Health Advocate position to educate families, the community, businesses, and government about the importance of early childhood development and health. Utilize home visits to educate parents and families about early childhood development and health, support families in advocating for their children's needs, and disseminate the Tohono O'odham Nation Early Childhood Development and Health Guide.	Government agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation Total in SFY 2010: $147,242 Total in SFY 2011: $147,241 Second contract period: 7/1/10-6/30/11 Contract service numbers for second contract period: 20 Families
Coconino Regional Partnership Council	**Home Visiting Study – Kaibab Paiute:** Conduct an assessment regarding the acceptability, planning, and implementation of a home visitation program in the Kaibab Paiute and Moccasin communities, using a comprehensive model for family support.	Government agreement with Kaibab Band of Paiute Indian Tribe. Total in SFY 2011: $6,870.00 Contract service numbers: 21 Children and their parents/guardians – approx. 63 people Contract Period: 2/1/11 - 6/1/11

Regional Partnership Counc... with Health Strategies		
Pinal Regional Partnership Council	**Sensory Screening – Vision and Hearing** Ensuring that families receive needed services is a major implementation component of First Things First's screening efforts. Screenings are designed specifically to identify children who may need further assessment to determine potential health risks (e.g., vision and hearing). Screening does not necessarily identify a need for services, but does indicate a need for further evaluation. • Increase children's access to preventative health care by providing sensory screenings • Inform parents and child care providers about the importance of preventive health care for children ages birth through five, and conduct outreach to connect families to medical homes.	Government agreement with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. Total in SFY11:= $199,991 Contract period: 2/1/11-6/30/11 Contract service numbers: Total Number of Children Screened for Vision and Hearing is 2000
South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council	**Developmental and Health Screening – Child Find Coalition** Increase developmental screenings of children 0-5 within the region through the establishment of a regional childfind coalition. Coalition will: • Identify partners necessary to create a comprehensive coalition. • Identify current activities in the community (asset mapping) that address public awareness • Identify current screening opportunities and procedures within the region. • Identify remaining gaps screening activities • Identify the needs around informing and educating families. • Based on identified gaps and community needs, develop and implement a plan	Government Agreement with Arizona Department of Education Total in SFY11: $85,000 Contract period: 02/01/2011 – 06/30/2011 Contract service number: NA (planning phase)
Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council	**Developmental and Health Screening – Child Find Coalition** Increase developmental screenings of children 0-5 within the region through the establishment of a regional childfind coalition. Coalition will: • Identify partners necessary to create a comprehensive coalition.	Government Agreement with Arizona Department of Education Total in SFY11: $100,000 Contract Period: 02/01/2011 – 06/30/2011

	• Identify current activities in the community (asset mapping) that address public awareness • Identify current screening opportunities and procedures within the region. • Identify remaining gaps screening activities • Identify the needs around informing and educating families. • Based on identified gaps and community needs, develop and implement a plan	Contract service number: NA (planning phase)
Regional Partnership Councils with Community Awareness Strategies		
Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council	**Community Awareness – Sponsorship of the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition and Campaign** The Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition, with the Chandler Police Department will: • Inform and educate members of the community through the development and distribution of informational materials to report child abuse and provide information for community members to seek help before harming a child. • Provide the generation and distribution of parenting tips, parenting resources, and information to prevent child abuse in the Central Maricopa Region. • Sponsor an event, the Day of Hope, in April of 2011, where families and agencies will be invited to the state capital grounds to observe National Child Abuse Prevention month. • Establish a Coalition website comprised of parenting and child abuse prevention resources for community members, parents and caregivers.	Government Agreement with the City of Chandler Chandler Police Department Total in SFY11: $20,000 Contract Period: 02/01/2011 – 06/30/2011

Other Statewide Projects		
Cost of Quality Study	The Evaluation Division in leading a project utilizing a State Contract for Burns & Associates to expand efforts in reviewing dedicated state funding for early childhood programming to include a component that will specifically look at the cost of quality child care. This project will be coordinated with efforts in place under Quality First rating pilot to best determine at this point in time what is the cost of quality for centers and homes. The project will include one on one interaction with centers and homes to obtain budget information that is critical to determine what quality costs. Ultimately this information will be valuable to inform decision making related to costs and necessary resources for Arizona in advancing quality child care. Final deliverable of cost information will be provided to First Things First at the of February 2011 so First Things First Evaluation Division can do additional data analysis.	The Evaluation Division in leading a project utilizing a State Contract for Burns & Associates to expand efforts in reviewing dedicated state funding for early childhood programming to include a component that will specifically look at the cost of quality child care. Total in SFY11: $30,000