



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board  
4000 N. Central Ave. Suite #800  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

RE: Revised 2010 Funding Plan: Minor Modular Renovation Early Education Classroom

Dear Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Members:

Attached for your review and consideration is a new strategy, Minor Modular Renovation Early Education Classroom for SFY 2010 that was approved by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council at their October 2009 meeting. This strategy will provide much needed child care slots in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community region. The Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council has ascertained that expanding and stabilizing pre-kindergarten services in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is an investment of high importance in the early childhood system for this region. The Minor Modular Renovation will provide an additional 30 children each year with high quality child care services.

We respectfully request approval of this new strategy to allow FTF staff and the Regional Partnership Council to quickly move forward in the Minor Modular Renovation Early Education Classroom so that implementation of this strategy can begin as soon as February 2010.

I, as Chair representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council, will be present at the January First Things First Board meeting to provide further information on this strategy and answer any questions that any Board members might have regarding this strategy.

Sincerely,

Lori Calderon, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community,  
Regional Partnership Council Chair

**Strategy:** Provide funding in the amount of \$30,000 for minor renovations to a modular for a Pre-Kindergarten Early Education classroom

Strategy Name: Minor Modular Renovation

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has grown by almost 19 percent in the last few years, and the population of young children ages 0-5 has increased as well. The families of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are limited to the number of choices they have for child care. The families rely primarily on the SRP-MIC Education Department's Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) which provides infant and toddler care, Early Head Start and Head Start/Preschool. The SRP-MIC Early Childhood Education Center documented a waiting list for all programs. The Head Start waiting list has averaged 36 children for the last two years. The facilities serve 250 children and represent 12 percent of the population of children from birth to five years of age within the SRP-MIC region. Given the 250 children that are already receiving services through these programs/providers, it is assumed that the remaining children are either being cared for outside of these facilities, outside of their community or in their homes.

Due to the lack of facilities, only 30 percent of the region's children receive pre-kindergarten center/ classroom based experience. Therefore; the Regional Partnership Council believes that increasing the number of slots for preschool/pre-kindergarten programs is vital.

The implementation of this modular renovation and the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) will allow the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council and the Salt River Education Division to provide a nine month comprehensive pre-kindergarten program to 30 children.

Funding the renovation of the modular in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community can accommodate approximately 30 children in 2010-2011.

The Education Division has identified a modular that would require minor renovations. The modular was formerly used for elementary school for students that were awaiting the Salt River Elementary School building completion. The modular is approximately 900 square feet. At this time, the only renovations that have been identified are:

- The electric service will need to be restored, once this has been accomplished, a full check of the buildings HVAC and outlets and lighting can be accomplished by PW staff
- The Fire Alarm system will have to be activated and tied in to the main panel located in the IT quad
- Locks are needed for the restroom doors
- The interior walls and outside ramps railing need to be painted
- One of the cabinet doors will need to be replaced
- Ceiling tile will need to be replaced
- The flooring is in good shape but the carpet will need to be deep cleaned and vinyl flooring will need to be waxed by the custodial contractor and this also will need to be added to the monthly service fee
- Health and Fire Inspections will need to take place
- Development of the playground area will be needed

The Pre-Kindergarten program will be an expansion of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Early Childhood Education Center and will follow all Head Start standards and will participate in the First Things First Quality First! program. The Early Childhood Education Center is inspected by the Indian Health Service. Early Childhood Education Center follows all Indian Health Service standards and is monitored against them. The tribe oversees the program through its governance structure.

The Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership has ascertained that expanding and stabilizing pre-kindergarten services in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is an investment of vital importance in the early childhood system in the region.

**Lead Goal: (1):** FTF will improve access to quality early care and education programs and settings

**Goal: (3)** FTF will increase availability and affordability of early care and education settings

**Goal: (11)** FTF will coordinate and integrate with existing education and information systems to expand families' access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources to support their child's optimal development

**Key Measures:**

- Total number of children receiving early education services
- Percent of families that reported satisfaction with early education services
- Total number of children enrolled and vacancies in quality early care and education programs as a proportion of total population birth to age five

**Target Population:**

Children ages three, four & five with no classroom experience and their parents/ guardian residing in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

	SFY 2011 July 1, 2010 –June 30, 2011	SFY 2012 July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012	SFY 2013 July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
<b>Proposed Service Numbers</b>	Provide funding for minor renovations to a modular will provide pre-kindergarten center/ classroom based services to 30 children.	N/A	N/A

**Performance Measures:**

1. Number of permanent Early Childhood Education Centers in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community/ proposed number
2. Number of Children ages three, four & five with no classroom experience and their parents/ guardian residing in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community receiving Early Childhood Education services / proposed service number

**SFY 2011 Expenditure Plan for Proposed Strategy**

<b>Allocation for proposed strategy</b>	\$ 30,000
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**Budget Justification:**

Modular Renovation and Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment in the amount of \$30,000

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approved providing \$30,000 for modular renovation. This project does not fall under major construction and does not require a funding match. However, the Salt River Education Division will be responsible for all costs associated with monthly rental of the modular, utilities and building maintenance at no cost to First Things First.