



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Coconino Regional Partnership Council

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and Possible Approval to Modify Quality First Sites for SFY2016

**BACKGROUND:** In reviewing the current number of QF home slot vacancies, the turnover of QF home providers and the absence of QF homes on the waiting list, it makes sense to review the patterns of QF home enrollment over time and consider options for funded QF slots.

With consideration for reaching as many children as possible through quality early learning environments in the Coconino region, the Regional Council may want to consider decreasing the number of QF home slots and increase the number of QF centers slots in SFY2016, without a significant increase for the overall cost of QF components.

Currently there two homes enrolled in QF, one in Flagstaff and one in Winslow, plus one home currently enrolling into QF and two home vacancies. There are no homes currently on the waiting list, although there are two home providers who have indicated that they are considering getting on the QF waiting list.

There has been turnover in QF homes in the region. Since FY12, twelve child care homes have either declined enrollment into QF or declined participation after enrollment. Three homes left QF in FY12, two left in FY13, three left in FY14 and four homes never enrolled into QF.

Below you will find the current QF funded slots and enrolled sites for SFY15:

SFY15 QF Funding		
TYPE OF SITES	NUMBER OF APPROVED SITES	CURRENTLY ENROLLED SITES
Full participation centers	19	18
Full participation homes	5	2 (plus 1 in process of enrollment)
Ratings only centers	2	1 in process of enrollment
Additional CCHC for non-QF centers	4	

You may recall that the Regional Council approved the elimination of one child care center slot for FY15 in September, which brought the total to 18 centers. The funding for the one center slot that was removed by the Council's previous action will move to the regional carry forward in FY15, and will be reflected in the FY17 allocation.

## FY16 QF scenarios with Cost

	Current Approved QF Slots	Scenario #1 (eliminating 2 home slots and adding 1 center slot)	Scenario #2 (eliminating 2 home slots, eliminating 1 ratings only center slot and adding 2 center slots)
Centers	18	19	20
Homes	5	3	3
Ratings Only Centers	2	2	1
Child Care Health Consultation (non-QF Centers)	4	4	4
Total QF Cost	\$ 411,098	\$ 400,850	\$ 413,254

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Regional Director recommends the Regional Council consider the following scenarios:

**Scenario #1:** For SFY2016, eliminate 2 QF child care home slots, add 1 child care center slot and add one additional QF scholarship at a cost of \$8,464, bringing the total number of QF scholarships to 95. This will leave a total fund balance of \$2,908

**Scenario #2:** For SFY2016, eliminate 2 QF child care home slots, eliminate 1 ratings only center slot, and add 2 QF center slots. In this scenario, a reduction in funding for Quality First scholarships will also need to be approved since the funding level for this scenario is higher than the total approved QF funding level for SFY2016. The cost for QF scholarships would reduce from \$795,616 to \$794,584, but the number of scholarships would remain the same. This will leave a total fund balance of \$0.