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**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership  
Council Meeting Agenda and  
Supporting Documentation  
March 15, 2013**



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## Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting – 03/15/2013

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## Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Agenda

March 15, 2013

9:00 a.m. –

*West-MEC, 5487 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale, Arizona, 85305*

*Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (1), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (2) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3), the Regional Partnership Council may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the general public, to discuss personnel items, records exempt from public inspection and/or to obtain legal advice.*

*The Regional Partnership Council may hear items on the agenda out of order. The Regional Partnership Council may discuss, consider, or take action regarding any item on the agenda. The Regional Partnership Council may elect to solicit public comment on certain agenda items.*

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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| <b>1. Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order</b>  | <b>Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair</b>  |
| <b>2. Call to the Public</b><br><i>This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Council may not discuss or take legal action regarding matters that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.</i> | <b>Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair</b>  |
| <b>3. Review and Approval of February 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes</b>   | <b>Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair</b>  |
| <b>4. Community Outreach Update</b>  | <b>Angela Mussi, Community Outreach Coordinator</b>                           |
| <b>5. Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Funding Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships</li><li>b. Quality First ,Quality First Scholarships, and Childcare Health Consultation</li></ul>   | <b>Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair</b><br><b>Christina Lyons, Regional Director</b> |
| <b>6. Recap and Discussion of March 8, 2013 Council-Board Roundtable</b>   | <b>Council Members</b>  |
| <b>7. Discussion on System Building</b>  | <b>Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair</b><br><b>Christina Lyons, Regional Director</b> |
| <b>8. Director's Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Maricopa Benchmarking Taskforce</li><li>b. Update on Regional Boundary Taskforce</li><li>c. Quality First Star Rating Launch</li><li>d. First Things First 2013 Summit</li></ul>  | <b>Christina Lyons, Regional Director</b>                                     |
| <b>9. Council Member Updates and Announcements</b>   | <b>Council Members</b>  |
| <b>10. Adjourn</b>   | <b>Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair</b>  |



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## ATTACHMENT 1

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2013**



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

***February 15, 2013 - Draft Meeting Minutes***

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on Friday, February 15, 2013 at West-MEC, 5487 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85305.

Chair Dr. Pischke welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Judith Brengi, Stacey Cassidy, Patrick Contrades, Ashley Flowers, Annette Johnson, Dr. Deborah Pischke, Jannelle Radoccia and Lynda Vescio

*Please note: Jannelle Radoccia entered the meeting at approximately 9:10 a.m.*

**Members Absent:**

Margaret Morales

**Call to the Public:**

Mark Weber, Tots Unlimited, Program Director – Mr. Weber introduced himself and provided Council with a status update on some of the projects that the Northwest Region has done to help make a difference in the community. Each center is working towards quality ratings and they start off with the high standards that were implemented years ago. They are getting a lot of support from agencies that the Northwest Region funds and the scores continue to increase. The Centers employ about 65 employees and over 45 are enrolled in some of the scholarship programs and are going to get their CDA credentials and qualifications. Mr. Weber mentioned that when talking about childcare the Northwest Region has impacted the life of parents who are now able to work and leave their children in a safe environment and thanked Council for all that they do.

**Review and Approval of November 21, 2012 and December 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes:**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the November 21, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Contrades and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Flowers made a motion to approve the November 21, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Contrades and carried out by unanimous vote.

**Staff Updates**

Chair D. Pischke moved the order of the agenda due to time constraints for Outreach Coordinator Rabago-Mussi.

**a. Community Outreach Update**

Community Outreach Coordinator Rabago-Mussi provided Council with a copy of the December 16, 2012 – February 6, 2013 Community Outreach Coordinator Report.

- Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:  
Arizona Girl Scout Convention, February 15, 2013
- Community Outreach Coordinator Mussi shared some Community Outreach Tools for Council to use in the Community; Brain Science Fact Sheet, Economics Fact Sheet, The First Things First Public Information website, readyazkids.com and Dr. Heckmans website, [www.heckmanequation.org](http://www.heckmanequation.org) which is a great website with facts about early childhood.
- Events/Networking meetings/Presentations:  
Presentation to Arrowhead Kiwanis Club who are involved in service projects many directly related to education.
- Community Outreach Coordinator Mussi informed the Council that she has met with the state leadership for the Arizona Lions clubs who are involved in vision and hearing screenings, general education projects and they have an early childhood component for their National Lions club organization. Through that connection will connect all of the Arizona Club Chapters to the Community Outreach team throughout the state.

**Presentation from Maricopa County First Teeth Program:**

Ms. Kimberly Richards, Maricopa County, First Teeth First, Program Coordinator – Ms. Richards gave an update on the First Teeth program and presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Richards talked about some of the program goals and gave an overview of what First Teeth First is, where they are and who they are. First Teeth First is a Maricopa County Office of Oral Program that provides dental screenings, parent education, fluoride varnish and referrals to children through the age of five. There are three sites located in the Northwest Valley and have been the most successful of all their Regions. There Northwest Maricopa Region will be doing their next program tour on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at the Thunderbird clinic and Council Member Johnson will be attending.

**Presentation from Southwest Institute for Children and Families' Parents as Partners Program:**

Ms. Catherine Otto, Southwest Institute for Children and Families', Parents as Partners Program, Director of Educational Services – Ms. Otto and her staff gave an overview of the Parents and Partners for Early Success program and started off by singing the ABC song. The Parents as Partners Program objectives are to provide evidence-based, best practices in child development and literacy for the families of Northwest Maricopa. Booths were set up with activities to show how children interact and do the activities and program staff shared success stories. Ms. Otto provided Council with a packet of information about the programs curriculums, shared videos of parents who have taken the programs message to heart, talked about the programs networking sites and provided Council with a calendar of events and activities.

**Discussion on SFY 2014 Funding Plan Implementation:**

**a. Grantee Agreement's**

Regional Director Lyons referred council to Attachment #3, Northwest Maricopa SFY2014 Funding Plan Implementation Document/Summary. Director Lyons informed the Council that the First Things First State Board at their January 2013 meeting approved the Regional Partnership Councils 2014 Funding Plan as presented. Regional Lyons went over implementation of the 2014 funding plan and mentioned that there are three new contracts in FY2014. Food security will go through the vendor list and procurement process and the vendor who services the Northwest Region is St. Mary's food bank. The Family Resource Center in Peoria will be funded through a grantee agreement. The Family Resource Center with the Pendergast Elementary School District, which is up for renewal, will be a new multi-regional grantee agreement that includes funding from both the South Phoenix and Southwest Maricopa Regions.

**b. Renewals**

Regional Director Lyons referred council to Attachment #3, Northwest Maricopa SFY2014 Funding Plan Implementation Document, and Renewal Process Timeline for SFY14 and went through each contract renewal. The Oral Health Strategy will be renewed with a one year extension and this is a multi-regional contract with the Southwest and Northeast Regions. Regional Director Lyons explained the reason for the one year extension and talked about the Renewal Process Timeline. All Board materials are due by May, 17, 2013.

**c. Update and Discussion on 2014 Regional Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Strategies**

Regional Director Lyons updated Council on the progress of the 2014 Regional Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship project and shared some preliminary numbers and recommendations around Quality First and the policy implementation for scholarships. Regional Director Lyons went through the revised funding plan for Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships and mentioned that the data and preliminary ratings have not been determined and talked about how things are moving forward. Regional Director Lyons shared the Preliminary recommendations for consideration. Council discussed the Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships funding plan and preliminary recommendations and the Council consensus is to accept the recommendations for one year. Regional Director Lyons will put some numbers together to show how this will impact the funding plan and will provide Council with information at the next meeting.

**d. Developmental Screening Strategy Development**

Regional Director Lyons needs volunteers to sit on a subcommittee to help develop the Developmental Screening Strategy. The Subcommittee will meet to discuss what the best approach is for increasing developmental screenings in the Northwest Community. The following Council Members volunteered to be on the Developmental Screening Subcommittee: Ashley Flowers and Jannelle Radoccia. Dr. Pischke and Jannelle Radoccia will submit recommendations to Regional Director Lyons via email.

*Please Note: Council Member Vescio left the room at 11:10 a.m. Member Vescio returned at 11:14 a.m.*

*Please Note: Council Member Brengi left the room at 11:21 a.m. Member Brengi returned at 11:23 a.m.*

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2014 Needs and Assets Vendor Selection:**

Regional Director Lyons mentioned that it is time to choose a Needs and Assets Vendor for FY2014 and directed Council to Attachment #4, 2014 Needs and Assets Vendor Selection Documents in the meeting packet. Council discussed and reviewed the Proposal Summaries for the Needs and Assets vendors.

Council Member Vescio made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council selects the University of Arizona to prepare the 2014 Needs and Assets Report. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cassidy and carried out by unanimous vote.

Please Note: Council Member Johnson left the meeting at approximately 11:35 a.m.

**Discussion Benchmarking:**

Chair Dr. Pischke tabled this agenda item due to the deadline was moved from April 2013 to August 2013.

**Staff Updates**

**b. Director's Update**

**i. January 23, 2013 State Board Meeting Update**

Regional Director Lyons presented the funding plan to the State Board at the January 23, 2013 State Board Meeting and it was approved. There is a summary of the Board meeting in the packet. Board Meeting summaries will be included in future meeting packets.

**ii. March 8, 2013 Meeting/Discussion with the State Board**

Regional Director Lyons informed Council that the Board would like to do meetings to have open dialogue discussions with Councils. There will be a meeting on March 8, 2013 in partnership with the Southwest Maricopa Region at West-MEC. Attending the meeting will be First Things First, Board Chair Steven W. Lynn, Board Member Nadine Mathis Basha, Board Member Janice Decker and CEO, Rhian Allvin. Regional Director Lyons will contact Chair Dr. Pischke to meet with Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, Regional Director Santiago and Chair Dr. Carlian Dawson prior to the meeting. Regional Director Lyons asked Council for their ideas and suggestions on things that they would like to talk about at the meeting.

Chair Dr. Pischke would like to discuss indicators and benchmarks and what they are looking at, particularly in relation to kindergarten readiness and what they are looking for as a measure.

Regional Director Lyons will send out an email asking Council what questions and suggestions they want to talk about with the Board.

Administrative Assistant Gandara will send out an email with Meeting details and request RSVP from Council Members.

**iii. Family Resource Center Collaboration Update**

Regional Director Lyons updated Council on Family Resource Center Collaboration. Family Resource Center grantees from all Phoenix and Maricopa regional areas are coming together to work on collaboration. Funding was set aside to assist them in their efforts and they are working to develop a marketing awareness campaign of what Family Resource Centers can do for families. They are also looking at working together to adopt a common philosophy of what a Family Resource Center is to a community and how it should work with families. Council Member Radocchia is a Member on the Family Resource Center Collaboration team and they are moving forward nicely.

Council Member Radocchia mentioned that this is a true collaboration and they are looking at how they can support and assist families by taking away the barriers and boundaries that are set up by the system.

**iv. Update on Regional Boundary Taskforce**

Regional Director Lyons - The Regional Boundaries Task Force is still meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Tucson.

Council Vice Chair Contrades – The agenda for the Taskforce meeting is already out and Vice Chair Contrades encourages Council to go to the First Things First website to review it. There will be discussion on possible recommendations that the Task Force may vote on looking at Regional Boundaries. Vice Chair Contrades updated Council on the possible options. The goal is to have recommendations to the Board at the June Board meeting.

*Please note: Chair Dr. Pischke left the room at 12:05 p.m. Chair Dr. Pischke returned at 12:07 p.m.*

**Council Member Updates:**

Vice Chair Contrades sits on the subcommittee for the State Board for Public Policy and Taskforce for the Public Policy and Communications. There has been a lot of data and research and First Things First is looking at their new communications campaign. They have done a thorough job trying to ascertain what the public thinks of FTF and early childhood education and testing different messages. There was discussion on discretionary funding at the Chair/Vice Chair funding and there was some concern on how the funding should be used.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Dr. Pischke adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.



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## ATTACHMENT 2

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**Community Outreach Report**



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Community Outreach Report

February 7, 2013 – March 7, 2013

**Media:** Wickenburg Sun -- “Grandfamilies Support Meetings” – published Feb. 20, 2013

### Summary of recent Outreach Activities:

#### Events/Networking meetings/Presentations:

- ✓ Presentations: FTF Welcome address at West Valley Grandfamilies Conference, also FTF materials were distributed to attendees
- ✓ Networking: Pendergast/West Valley Human Services Alliance Collaboration Breakfast; LeTip business networking group; Peoria Toastmasters; Peoria PACE Conference
- ✓ Events: AZ Girl Scouts Annual Conference



Grantee partners Benevella and Duet presented the first West Valley Grandfamilies Conference on Saturday, March 2 to a crowd of grandparents (right).

Darlene Little (above), program director for Tanner Community Development Corporation Early Childhood Development Program spoke on Empowering Grandparents.

### Program Tour of First Teeth First Oral Health Program

Thank you to Regional Councilmember Annette Johnson for attending the tour of grantee partner Maricopa County Office of Oral Health’s First Teeth First Program.



Program coordinator Kimberly Richards (right) explains to Johnson and Midwestern University Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry Kimberly Patterson that parents are educated about good dental health habits. Dental Hygienist Natalie Hoover (left) brushes on a fluoride varnish which helps treat current decay and protects against future decay.





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## ATTACHMENT 3

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**SFY2014 Funding Plan Implementation Document**

## Northwest Maricopa - Funding Plan Summary

Allocations and Funding Sources	SYF2014	SYF2014	SFY2015 estimates	
FY Allocation	<b>\$10,288,819</b>	<b>\$10,288,819</b>	\$10,324,546	
Carry Forward From Previous Year	<b>\$4,317,215</b>	<b>\$4,317,215</b>	\$2,680,813	
<b>Total Regional Council Funds Available</b>	<b>\$14,606,034</b>	<b>\$14,606,034</b>	<b>\$13,005,359</b>	
Strategies	Approved Allotment	Proposed Changes	Proposed Allotment	Notes
Quality First	<b>\$1,117,565</b>	<b>\$1,168,889</b>	<b>\$1,367,704</b>	Purchase 3 addition Quality First Full Participation slots in SFY14 and 5 additional Quality First Rating Only slots in SFY15
Scholarships TEACH	<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>	\$160,000	
Child Care Health Consultation	<b>\$171,234</b>	<b>\$178,788</b>	<b>\$178,409</b>	Cost associated with 3 additional Quality First Full Participation slots
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	<b>\$3,569,728</b>	<b>\$4,521,638</b>	<b>\$4,394,514</b>	Purchase 110 additional scholarships in SFY14 to support current sites that did not achieve a 3 star - Purchase 45 additional scholarships in SFY15 to support rural community sites
Mental Health Consult	<b>\$492,000</b>	<b>\$492,000</b>	\$492,000	
Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships	<b>\$2,133,912</b>	<b>\$1,302,048</b>	<b>\$1,663,728</b>	Purchase 180 Pre-K scholarships in SFY14 - Purchase 230 Pre-K scholarships in SFY15
Nut/Obesity/Phys Act	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	\$600,000	
Oral Health	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	\$400,000	
Scholarships non-TEACH	<b>\$45,945</b>	<b>\$45,945</b>	\$45,945	
Recruitment into Field	<b>\$280,000</b>	<b>\$280,000</b>	\$280,000	
Home Visitation	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	\$500,000	
Family Resource Centers	<b>\$725,000</b>	<b>\$725,000</b>	\$725,000	
Parent Education	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	\$300,000	
Food Security	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	\$100,000	
Service Coordination	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$75,000	
Community Awareness	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$75,000	
Community Outreach	<b>\$77,000</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>	\$77,000	
Media	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	\$200,000	
Needs and Assets				
Statewide Evaluation	<b>\$673,913</b>	<b>\$673,913</b>	\$752,413	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,746,297</b>	<b>\$11,925,221</b>	<b>\$12,386,713</b>	
<b>Total Unallotted</b>	<b>\$2,859,737</b>	<b>\$2,680,813</b>	<b>\$618,646</b>	

# Northwest Maricopa Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Strategies – Guiding Document

## **First Things First SFY 2014 Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Policy Implementation:**

All programs must have a 3, 4 or 5 star rating to be eligible for Pre-K Scholarships. To receive a star rating, programs must be enrolled in Quality First. There are multiple ways to fund Quality First for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship recipients.

- Full Participation Quality First with Quality First Scholarships – these programs will receive the full QF package of services and both Quality First Child Care Scholarships and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.
- Full Participation Quality First without Quality First Scholarships – these programs will receive the full QF package of services and only Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.
- Rating Only – these programs will receive 6 months of coaching during the year that this is funded and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships. ***In FY2014 and beyond, these programs must already be rated at a 3 star or higher to continue funding in this manner.***

If a program achieves a star rating below 3 stars in FY 2013, the following options that can be considered:

### **Programs Already Enrolled in Full Participation Quality First:**

- Program can remain in Full Participation Quality First and receive the base number of Quality First Scholarships
- Program can remain in Full Participation Quality First and receive double the cap of Quality First Scholarships
- Program can remain in Full Participation quality First and receive over double the cap of Quality First Scholarships with submission and approval of a waiver\*

### **Programs Enrolled in Rating Only Quality First:**

- Not funding the program at all to continue in either Quality First or Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.
- Funding the program in Full Participation Quality First with the base number of Quality First Scholarships
- Funding the program in Full Participation Quality First with double the cap of Quality First Scholarships
- Funding the program in Full Participation Quality First with over double the cap of Quality First Scholarships with submission and approval of a waiver\*

The Quality First Scholarship waiver will be provided by the Regional Director to programs that were receiving Pre-K Scholarships who do not meet the 3 – 5 star levels. The program will complete the waiver, which includes information about why the program is requesting over double the cap and what other funding sources might be available for blending and braiding funding (i.e. Title I, DES Subsidy, IDEA, Parent Fees, Community Ed., CTE, Philanthropic, etc.).

## Northwest Maricopa Quality First and Prekindergarten Scholarship Funding

### SFY 2013 Funding:

- \$1,377,483 invested in Quality First (\$1,183,058 FP / \$194,425 RO)
- \$2,580,518 invested in Quality First Scholarships
- \$2,000,000 invested in Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 58 Quality First Full Participation (FP) Centers / 10 Quality First Full Participation Homes
- 21 Quality First Rating Only Sites (RO) – All School Based
- 445 Quality First Scholarships
- 247 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
  - Distributed among 31 Sites
    - 5 Quality First Full Participation Centers
    - 26 Schools (5 FP Sites / 21 RO Sites)
  - 11 Sites Receive Both Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships

### Current status of Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Site:

\*All data is preliminary and ratings have not yet been determined/issues. Information is speculative based on available information.

- 15 RO Sites and 3 FP Sites will be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 5 RO Sites will not be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
  - 2 sites in lower income zip codes and could be eligible in SFY15
    - Receiving 22 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
  - 3 sites will most probably not be eligible in SFY15
    - Receiving 13 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 1 RO Site too early in rating process to speculate on eligibility
  - 36 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 3 FP Sites not eligible
  - 2 Schools
  - 1 Center
  - 71 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 4 FP Sites too early in rating process to speculate on eligibility
  - 3 Schools
  - 1 Centers
  - 37 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships

#### **Approved SFY 2014 Funding:**

- \$1,117,565 invested in Quality First (All FP – as RO is only funded every two years)
- \$3,569,728 invested in Quality First Scholarships
- \$2,000,000 invested in Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 58 Quality First Full Participation (FP) Centers / 10 Quality First Full Participation Homes
- 25 Quality First Rating Only Sites (RO)
- 508 Quality First Scholarships
- 295 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships

#### **Recommendations for considerations:**

- Move the 2 RO sites that could be eligible in SFY15 for Scholarships into FP
  - Provide these sites with waivers, as needed, to sustain current scholarship allotments.
- Purchase one additional FP Quality First site for the 1 RO still in process.
- 3 FP Sites not eligible
  - Provide all current Pre-Kindergarten scholarship sites with waivers, as needed, to sustain current scholarship allotments.
- 4 FP Sites too early to speculate.
  - Provide all current Pre-Kindergarten scholarship sites with waivers, as needed, to sustain current scholarship allotments.

#### **Proposed SFY 2014 Funding Plan Changes**

- Add 3 Quality First Full Participation slots
- Purchase 110 FT Quality First Scholarships
- Reduce Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships to 180 FT slots

#### **Proposed SFY 2015 Funding Plan Changes**

- Add 5 Quality First Rating Only slots
- Purchase 45 FT Quality First Scholarships for rural communities
- Increase Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships to 230



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## ATTACHMENT 4

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**System Building Documents**

# System Building Discussion Timeline

## Readiness Level I

### PHASE I – ASSESSMENT (January - February)

- Review the mission/vision and strategic plan of the Regional Council
- Review Regional Council discussions in which identification of connections to system building have occurred
- Identify beginning steps to system building
- Review prior system discussions and how to chart/plan action steps
- Identify areas of progress and gaps and barriers
- Identify possible themes (areas of focus, geographical areas, key partners, etc.)
- Identify Regional Council members who understand systems level thinking- People who have engaged in systems level work and/or who are systems level thinkers
- Identify and plot year to year shift of regional priorities, funding, kindergarten readiness indicators and possible benchmarks, et al that resulted from Board direction and regional funding level changes
- Measure service providers level of engagement on the collaboration continuum and identify council role in the development process
- Map regional resources beyond Need & Assets and the relation between priority areas

### PHASE II - DEFINING THE ISSUES (March – June)

- Review systems building overview and information gathered to date – Visioning (March 2013)
- Visioning process with Regional Council (April 2013)
- Identify challenges and prioritize opportunities (May - June 2013)

### PHASE III – SETTING THE INITIAL ACTION PLAN (July - August)

- Begin with steps that are achievable over a relatively short time frame (3 months)
- Develop action steps with specific time frames and identify those responsible for completion
- Build upon success by developing an action plan for other identified steps
- Identify tracking tools or indicators that will provide milestones for each phase and phases
- Provide flexible tools that allow for appropriate regional timelines that account for the complexity of the system in region



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## ATTACHMENT 5

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**Announcements**



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**AUGUST 26-27, 2013**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### First Things First Early Childhood Summit 2013

### Building Strong Systems

First Things First's annual conference offers an extraordinary chance for supporters of early childhood development and health to learn, share and grow.

**Pre-Summit: August 25, 2013**

**Summit: August 26 and 27, 2013**

**Phoenix Convention Center**

**100 N. Third St.**

**Phoenix, AZ 85004**

#### **Keynote speakers:**

[Dr. Alison Gopnik](#)

[David Lawrence Jr.](#)

#### **Featured speakers:**

[Dr. Peter Mangione](#)

[Dr. Adele Diamond](#)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Early Registration**

Opens May 15, 2013

Closes July 15, 2013

#### **Regular Registration**

Opens July 16, 2013

Closes August 19, 2013

#### **Pre-Summit**

August 25, 2013

#### **Summit**

August 26 and 27, 2013