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Agenda Item: Consent Agenda

Attachment: C. Pinal Coordination Update - Attachment 03

Background: The Pinal Coordination Strategy is a First Things First Pinal Regional Directed Strategy that works to enhance cross-system efforts to build capacity to deliver services because organizations are working together to identify and address gaps in service.

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Recommendations: The Regional Director presents the Coordination Update for Council review and update.



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The intent of coordination strategies developed by First Things First is to support participant organizations in achieving high levels of coordination that result in significant changes in policies, programs and practices in the delivery of services to families with children birth through age five.

Strategic Plan

- **Strategy Updates:**
 - **Create combined family support marketing materials** - The group is currently working to make the combined resource flyer as user friendly and effective as possible. There are still a few areas for discussion before the flyer is released for use but that should occur soon.
 - **Develop a system of face to face meetings for line staff** – This strategy is finally up and running and this group has had their first successful meeting. There are many changes occurring in the area of home visitation within the region and these meetings will be very valuable for information sharing among home visitation staff in the months to come.

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- **Strategy Updates:**
 - **Develop an E system for health care information, events, and updates** - The Pinal Kids 411 texting service is currently operating. The group is working on fine tuning some of the procedures surrounding this strategy.
 - **Create a shared community resource referral form** - The form is “completed” as of now. The agencies listed on the form have submitted brief descriptions of their programs to accompany the form for anyone who will be using it. This information will be vetted back through the coalitions before full use is implemented.

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- **Strategy Updates:**
 - **Develop a system of networking meetings for child care providers** - The group is working hard to launch their networking system for child care providers. The networking group is now live on social media and the group hopes to build a system that supports and benefits child care providers in the Pinal Region. The next step is to test and then finalize a survey to receive feedback and buy-in from child care providers for the design of this network.
 - **Identify Program Gaps in Parent Education** – The leads on this strategy and I will be meeting in the coming weeks to finalize the report for the survey data that was collected. This report will then be made available to agencies that provide parent education in the Pinal Region in order to help them improve their programs and services.
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- Collaborative Planning of Community Events: The leads have met several times and this strategy is in full swing. The first joint event is planned for September. More details to follow soon!
 - Pinal Family Resource Guide: The guide will be undergoing an update within the next six months. Members of the coalitions will be working with me to complete this task to ensure that the guide is as current, user friendly, and effective as possible.