

**Strategy: Emergency Relief for Families of Children Birth Through Age Five**

Similar to the State of Arizona and the rest of the Nation, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is experiencing rough economic times. The White Mountain Apache Tribe serves as one of the largest employers in the region but, in recent months, has had to require any employee being paid through the Tribe’s General Fund be furloughed without pay every Friday. This, mandatory furlough has caused a 20% cut in pay to families that were already struggling to make ends-meet. According to the 2006 BIA Labor Statistics, approximately 50% of adults in the region were unemployed with 53% of children being at or below the federal poverty level. However, given the mandatory furloughs that have taken place, there is a “doughnut hole” of families and children in need or support but not meeting the qualification guidelines for public assistance.

As a result, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council has elected to use a portion of their FY2010 funding to provide emergency relief in the form of a “Support Box” to those families with children birth through age five who have been required to take mandatory furloughs. The Support Box will contain items similar to a food box but that are specific to the needs of children in the target population. Such items will include but not be limited to:

- Diapers suitable for children birth through age five
- Baby Wipes
- Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste for Young Children
- Jars of baby food
- Age appropriate snacks
- Other food items
- Educational materials for parents on money management, stretching your dollar, etc.

Support Boxes will be provided on a short-term basis with the funding not extending past the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2010). If all of the funds are expended prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, no new funds will be re-issued. Families wishing to receive a Support Box will be required to complete an application and show proof of their mandatory furlough. Applicants must also prove they current do not receive assistance from other social supports such as DES, Food Stamps, WIC, etc.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will identify and contract with a department or agency to serve as an administrative home for this strategy. The administrative home will be responsible for the purchase and assembly of the Support Boxes and will work in conjunction with the existing early childhood and health programs to distribute the Support Boxes. The administering agency will also be responsible for the collection and review of applications ensuring that only those families that qualify for the strategy will be provided a Support Box.

**Primary Goal:** Family Support

**Key Measures:**

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| <b>3. [Key Measure]</b>   |  |                            |                            |                  |
| <b>Target Population:</b> Families of children ages birth through five residing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation that have been required to take mandatory furlough by their current employer and that currently do not have access to other forms of public assistance (DES, Food Stamps, TANF, WIC, etc.)  |  |                            |                            |                  |
| <b>Proposed Service Numbers</b>   | <b>SFY2010</b><br><b>July 1, 2009 -June 30, 2010</b> |                            |                            |                  |
|   | 778 Children   |                            |                            |                  |
| <b>Performance Measures 2009-2011</b>   |  |                            |                            |                  |
| 1. # of Families receiving support boxes per month  |  |                            |                            |                  |
| 2. # of families eligible for services as outlined by the application criteria*   |  |                            |                            |                  |
| 3. # of boxes distributed per month   |  |                            |                            |                  |
| 4. # of families that apply for support boxes per month   |  |                            |                            |                  |
| *Please see attached application for criteria information.  |  |                            |                            |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is this strategy building on the service network that currently exists:<br/>Currently, there are several agencies in the region that provide assistance to families that fall at or below the federal poverty guidelines. These services include: DES, TANF and Food Stamps. Additionally, the WIC department serves approximately 90% of children in the target population and provides assistance with formula. Lastly, philanthropic organizations such as the Hope Center and the Hope House provide assistance in the forms of food boxes as well as supports for young parents. This strategy will aim to target those families who DO NOT qualify or receive services from the entities already providing a similar service.</li> </ul> |  |                            |                            |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the opportunities for collaboration and alignment:<br/>There are several opportunities for collaboration and alignment for this strategy. In particular, the Administrative Home will work directly with existing early childhood and health service providers to distribute and collect applications. Additionally, the Administrative Home will be responsible for ensuring there are enough drop-off locations the meet the needs of the target population. This will require working across agencies to develop a streamlined distribution process.</li> </ul>  |  |                            |                            |                  |
| <b>SFY2010 Expenditure Plan</b>   |  |                            |                            |                  |
|   | SFY2010<br>(If applicable)                           | SFY2011<br>(if applicable) | SFY2012<br>(if applicable) | <b>Total</b>     |
| Population-based Allocation   | \$155,532  | \$0.00                     | \$0.00                     | <b>\$155,532</b> |
| <b>Budget Justification:</b>  |  |                            |                            |                  |
| Expenses for this strategy may include but are not limited to:  |  |                            |                            |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Materials for "Support Box": \$127,600</li> <li>Educational Materials for "Support Box": \$5,800</li> <li>Transportation/Delivery: \$5,000</li> <li>Administrative Costs (10% of total budget): \$15,553</li> </ul>  |  |                            |                            |                  |

