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Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council

- Agenda Item:** Regional Director's Report
- Background:** The attached report provides updates on regional meetings and the Early Childhood Workshop.
- Recommendation:** For informational purposes only



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Regional Director's Report

Arizona American Indian Oral Health Initiative

A regional Oral Health Forum was held in Flagstaff on March 20, 2013. The intent of the forum is to build a tribally driven Regional Coalition Structure for each regional area:

1. Tucson region includes Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Tucson Urban Indian Program.
2. Parker region includes Colorado River Indian Tribes, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Fort Yuma-Quechan Indian Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Havasupai Tribe and Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
3. Phoenix region includes Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Phoenix Urban Indian Program.
4. **Flagstaff region includes Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Kaibab Paiute Tribe, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and Flagstaff Urban Indian Program.**
5. Hon-Dah region includes White Mountain Apache Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apache Nation, Tonto Apache Tribe, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, and Pueblo of Zuni.

In 2010, a statewide planning committee comprised of representatives from Tribal Nations, Indian Health Service, Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, Arizona Department of Health Services, AHCCCS, First Things First, Arizona Dental Association, Arizona State Dental Hygienists' Association, and the Delta Dental Foundation hosted the first Arizona Indian Oral Health Summit held April 21-22, 2011.

One of the recommendations from the Summit is for the American Indian Oral Health Coalition to establish and continue to facilitate dialogue, education, policy development, resource acquisition and leveraging, and advocacy.

In each region, the Regional Oral Health Coalition is a hub for collaboration to:

- share ideas and best practices
- leverage resources
- unify a broad, powerful, interdisciplinary network of tribes and stakeholders
- mobilize strategic action
- amplify a collective voice; and
- build community economies of scale

in order to improve oral health literacy, prevent oral disease, increase access to quality treatment and nurture the next generation of American Indian oral health professionals.

The next Flagstaff Regional Oral Health Coalition meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013 via conference call at 1:00 p.m. (MST)

Early Childhood Workshop

The first annual early childhood workshop, ***Play: Where Learning Begins*** is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Legacy Inn in Tuba City. This one-day interactive workshop will engage parents/caregivers to understand and promote how play works in concert with other factors to support children's development. The workshop presentations will encourage parents/caregivers to participate actively by:

- Learning and applying practical techniques of play with their children
- Learning and applying innovative ways to play with their children
- Increasing confidence of parenting skills
- Fostering intellectual development through play
- Understanding how play accelerates the learning process
- Creating dialogue for parents/caregivers to share their experiences and ideas
- Facilitating dialogue with parents/caregivers and community partners about healthy play

The Navajo Nation regional staff have meticulously worked together to develop and implement the success of the workshop. The workshop agenda has been finalized (attached) and advertising of the workshop has started by sending posters and registration form to various stakeholders via email. Posters will also be distributed and displayed in various communities.

Play: Where Learning Begins

Monday, April 15, 2013 ♦ Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Tuba City, Arizona

Early Childhood Workshop Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Check-in		
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome / Opening Remarks		
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Address: Dr. Miran Song , Pediatrician, Tuba City Regional Health Care		
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions		
	Tunatya Room 1	Tunatya Room 2	Tunatya Room 3
	Learning & Teaching with Puppets Presented by: Dr. Aurora Goatcher , Early Childhood Education Teacher, Tuba City High School Kathy Nesbit , Tech Prep/ Perkins/ High School Transitions Coordinator, Coconino Community College	Understanding How Young Children Learn Presented by: Claude Endfield , Early Childhood Chair/Faculty, Northland Pioneer College Etta Baldwin , Early Childhood Faculty, Northland Pioneer College Cotillion Sneddy , Early Childhood Faculty, Northland Pioneer College	The Power of Play in Social/Emotional Development Presented by: Diane Lenz , Project Director, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visitation Program Bonita Tsosie , Family Training Coordinator, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visitation Program Joanne Ashley , Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator, Growing in Beauty Program
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Break		
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch General Session: Real-Life Strategies for Understanding and Managing Challenging Behavior in Young Children Presented by: Jamie Senese , Social Worker, Indian Children's Program Rhoda Young , Home Visitor, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visitation Program		

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Break		
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions		
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2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Break		
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions		
	Tunatya Room 1	Tunatya Room 2	Tunatya Room 3
	The Power of Play in Social/Emotional Development Presented by: Diane Lenz , Project Director, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visitation Program Bonita Tsosie , Family Training Coordinator, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visitation Program Joanne Ashley , Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator, Growing in Beauty Program	Let's Put a Rainbow on Your Plate Presented by: Cherilyn Yazzie , Program Manager, Navajo County Public Health Services District Jocelyn Beard , Program Manager, Coconino County Public Health Services District	Oral Health for Me and Mine Presented by: Mary Tyler , Assistant Health Director, Navajo County Public Health Services District