

## **Coordinator Report Statewide Initiatives Update April 2009**

### **Quality First!**

March 2, 2009, was the close date for reviewing applications for the first group of 300 centers and homes statewide. As of that date, 764 applications had been received. The La Paz/Mohave Region has received 26 applications for 7 openings. There is broad distribution of applicants from communities throughout the region. Only two Tribal regions lacked center applicants, and six regions had no homes apply. Recruitment continues in those regions. Initial eligibility checks have shown that 441 of the applications were exact or probable matches with the data in our database. The selection process began March 26, 2009, and will be completed by April 15, 2009, with the first 300 participants receiving notification and an orientation visit with a Quality First coach. Outreach activities to encourage additional applications are continuing, with 76 statewide efforts documented as of March 12, 2009. The monthly meeting involving First Things First and the three grantees – United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, Valley of the Sun United Way and Southwest Human Development – along with their subcontractors for coaching and assessment, was March 26, 2009, in Tucson. All Quality First assessors and supervisors attended the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) reliability training on February 23-27, 2009. Training on the Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale – Revised (ITERS-R) took place March 16-20, 2009. The last set of assessment trainings, on the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS) is scheduled for April 13-17, 2009.

### **T.E.A.C.H. ® ARIZONA**

The T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee met again in February, and First Things First met with the administrative home, the Association for Supportive Child Care (ASSCC), in March to coordinate the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program with the DES-funded Professional Career Pathways (PCPP) scholarship program. A logo and marketing materials are developed, and the T.E.A.C.H. administrative home has made contacts with all Arizona community colleges offering early childhood degree program (with exception of the two Tribal colleges).

### **Child Care Health Consultation**

Pima County is ready to act on the intergovernmental agreement with First Things First to provide the recruitment, training and quality assurance for all child care health consultants. Initial planning meetings with Kathi Ford, RN, began March 12, 2009. Contracts with additional County Health Departments for hire of nurses and implementation of the consultation are under development. A child care health consultation tracking database, CareFacts, utilized by Pima County Health Department has been purchased by First Things First and meetings are scheduled with our Business Services Division to complete the adaptation and technical installation with the Quality First database.

### **Parent Kits**

The shipment of Parent Kits to birthing hospitals throughout the state continues according to schedule. Birthing hospitals in Bullhead City, Kingman and Lake Havasu will receive Parent Kits by the end of April. The process of distributing the Kits to Tribal hospitals is being further defined.

### **Compensation and Retention RFGA**

The RFGA to select a Compensation and Retention administrative home was released on March 18, 2009 and will close April 29, 2009. The award decision is expected July 1, 2009.

Quality First Applications – Draft as of 3/9/09 6:00 p.m.						
Region	Centers Applied	Centers Allotted	Zip Code	Homes Applied	Homes Allotted	Zip Codes
North Pima	14	7	85704(4); 85741 (3), 85742, 85743, 85749, 85750(2), 85718, 85037	5	2	85741(3), 85743, 85742
Central Pima	68	21	85705 (8), 85710 (5), 85711 (7), 85712 (4), 85713 (8), 85714 (2), 85715, 85716 (7), 85719 (11), 85745 (7), 85746 (5), 85701, 85756, 85757	59	12	85701 (2), 85705 (6), 85710, 85711 (3), 85713 (7), 85714 (4), 85745 (7), 85746 (16), 85757 (9), 85716 (2)
South Pima	30	6	85614 (4), 85641(3), 85706 (13), 85730 (2), 85735, 85747 (4), 85601, 85629 (2)	39	12	85614(3), 85629 (7), 85641, 85706 (24), 85747, 85748, 85730
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	0	1		0	5	
Cochise	11	3	85607 (3), 85635(4), 85602, 85643, 85650 (2)	14	7	85635 (2), 85650 (2), 85613, 85602, 85627, 85603(2), 85615 (2), 85630, 85638, 85643
Santa Cruz	5	2	85621 (3), 85646, 85648	6	4	85648 (4), 85621(2)
Tohono O'odham	1	1	85634	0	1	
North Phoenix	71	19	85020 (6), 85021 (2), 85022 (3), 85023(2),85024,85027 (10), 85028, 85029 (9), 85032 (3), 85050, 85051 (5), 85053 (5), 85302 (6), 85304 (8), 85306 (3), 85085, 85086 (2), 85054	2	3	85086, 85051
Central Phoenix	29	14	85004 (2), 85006 (4), 85007, 85008 (3), 85013 (3), 85014 (4), 85015 (5), 85017 (3), 85018 (3), 85034	2	1	85018, 85019
South Phoenix	24	7	85009 (7), 85035, 85037, 85040 (7), 84041 (4), 85043 (3), 85033	11	8	85037 (3), 85040, 85041, 85043 (5), 85033
Yavapai	13	7	85324, 86314, 86322, 86326 (5), 86335, 86301 (3)	4	2	86314 (3), 86351
Gila River	1	1	85247	0	1	
Graham/Greenlee	5	2	85546 (5)	0	3	
Gila	2	1	85501, 85541	2	3	85501 (2)

San Carlos Apache Tribe	0	1		0	1	
Cocopah	1	1	85350	1	2	85350
Hualapai	1	1	86434	0	1	
Yuma	8	5	85364(7), 85349	18	8	85364 (9), 85365 (3), 85349 (6)
La Paz/Mohave	21	6	85328, 85346, 86401, 86404,86409 (4), 86436, 86440 (2), 86442 (3), 85357, 86403 (3), 86441, 86429, 86406, 85357	5	2	86409, 86413 (1), 86442 (3)
CRIT	2	1	85344 (2)	0	1	
Coconino	19	6	86001 (5), 86004 (5), 86018, 86023, 86047, 85022, 86040, 86039 (2), 86036, 86435	3	2	86001, 86046, 86047
Navajo Nation	28	9	86020 (2), 86033 (2), 86035, 86044 (2), 86045 (7), 86053, 86503 (3), 86504 (3), 86505 (4), 86514, + two Unknown		0	
Navajo/Apache	3	3	85901 (2), 85936	2	2	85901 (2)
White Mountain	1	1	85941	0	1	
Salt River Pima	2	1	85256, 85264	0	0	
Pinal	14	7	85219, 85220 (3), 85222 (3), 85223, 85239, 85240 (2), 85242, 85273, 85623	7	5	85238,85242, 85243, 85222 (2), 85228, 86273
NE Maricopa	21	10	85250, 85251 (2), 85253 (2), 85254 (3), 85257 (4), 85259 (2), 85260 (4), 85268 (2), 85331	3	1	85257, 85258 (2)
Central Maricopa	62	18	85042 (7), 85044 (7), 85048(8), 85224 (7), 85225 (4), 85226 (7), 85248 (2), 85281 (3), 85282 (7), 85283 (4), 85284 (4), 85287, 85285	6	4	85042, 85224 (2), 85225, 85248, 85286
SE Maricopa	53	19	85201 (6), 85202 (3), 85203 (4), 85204 (7), 85205 (3), 85206 (2), 85207 (2), 85208 (2), 85209 (2), 85210 (3), 85212, 85213 (5), 85233 (3), 85234 (5), 85297 (3)	4	3	85213, 85298, 85204, 85296
NW Maricopa	46	15	85301 (4),85303, 85308 (10), 85345 (11), 85373, 85381 (8), 85382 (6), 85374 (2), 85310 (3)	7	3	85345, 85335 (3), 85301, 85382, 85374
SW Maricopa	7	6	85338, 85392, 85395, 85323 (2), 85340, 85396	2	3	85326 (2)

