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**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership  
Council Meeting Agenda and  
Supporting Documentation  
April 19, 2013**



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## Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting – 04/19/2013

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## Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Agenda

April 19, 2013

9:00 a.m. –

*Peoria Unified School District, Training Room #2, 6330 W Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ 85306*

*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.*

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**
  
2. **Call to the Public** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
*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.*
  
3. **Review and Approval of March 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
*(Attachment 1)*
  
4. **Community Outreach Update** **Angela Mussi, Community Outreach Coordinator**  
*(Attachment 2)*
  
5. **Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Funding Plan** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
**Christina Lyons, Regional Director**  
*(Attachment 3)*
  - a. **Parent Education – Community Based Training**
  - b. **Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships**
  - c. **Quality First, Quality First Scholarships, and Childcare Health Consultation**
  
6. **Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Grantee Renewals** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
**Christina Lyons, Regional Director**  
*(Attachment 4)*
  - a. **Peoria Unified School District (GRA-RC008-12-0461-01-Y2)**
  - b. **Maricopa County Department of Public Health (GRA-MULTI-12-0516-01)**
  - c. **Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health (GRA-MULTI-11-0077-01-Y3)**
  - d. **Benevilla – Family Resource Center (FTF-RC008-12-0376-03)**
  - e. **Glendale Elementary School District #40 (GRA-RC008-12-0379-01-Y2)**
  - f. **Chicanos Por La Causa – Parenting Arizona (FTF-RC008-13-0374-03)**
  - g. **Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (FTF-MULTI-13-0379-02)**
  - h. **Benevilla – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (FTF-MULTI-13-0383-01)**
  
7. **Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Grantee Agreements** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
*(Attachment 5)*
  - a. **St Mary’s Food Bank (GRA-RC008-14-0618-01)**

**8. Nominations and Elections of Council Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2014**

**Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**

**9. Director's Update**

**Christina Lyons, Regional Director**

- a. Maricopa Benchmarking Taskforce
- b. Developmental Screening Subcommittee
- c. First Things First 2013 Summit
- d. May Council Meeting
- e. Community Awareness Subcommittee

**10. Council Member Updates and Announcements**  
*(Attachment 6)*

**Council Members**

**11. Adjourn**

**Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**



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## ATTACHMENT 1

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

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



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**March 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, March 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 9:06 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Judith Brengi, Patrick Contrades, Ashley Flowers, Annette Johnson, Margaret Morales, Dr. Deborah Pischke, Janelle Radoccia and Lynda Vescio

*Please note: Ashley Flowers entered the meeting at approximately 9:11 a.m.*

**Members Absent:**

Stacey Cassidy

**Call to the Public:**

Nicole McCormick, Parent – Ms. McCormick addressed the importance of the Parents as Partners Early Literacy Program and talked about some benefits of the program. Ms. McCormick has a 2 and 4 year old and mentioned that her 4 year old was diagnosed with a speech delay at age 2. When introduced to the Parent’s as Partners Early Literacy Program this was exactly what she needed for her child. Ms. McCormick liked the program so much that she became a facilitator and encouraged the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Stacey Ward, Parent & Founder of the Moms and Tots group in Northwest Phoenix – Ms. Ward has a 14 month old son and mentioned that the Parents as Partners Early Literacy Program is one of the biggest events amongst the Moms groups. She has been attending the workshops since her son was 8 months old and mentioned that the structure of the workshops are very unique and have hands on stations providing many activities for children on a monthly basis. Ms. Ward stressed the importance of the program and asked the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Claudia Lopez, Esq., Parent – Ms. Lopez shared that she and her five year old son have been attending the Parents as Partners Early Literacy Program since he was 2 years old. Her son was diagnosed with expressive speech impairment and while attending the program events his speech development has improved. Her son is no longer shy and is now very friendly and social. Ms. Lopez encouraged the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Dorothy Wyatt – Parent & Member of the Moms and Tots group in Northwest Phoenix – Ms. Wyatt shared that she is a Biology and Science Educator and stressed the importance of the Parents as Partners Early Literacy Program. Ms. Wyatt and her daughter attend the events and the books and sitting times are most important. Ms. Wyatt stressed that it

would be a tragedy if the program went away and encouraged the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Elizabeth Marietti – Parent & Member of the Moms and Tots group in Northwest Phoenix – Ms. Marietti shared that she and her child have been attending the Parents as Partners Early Literacy program since 2012 and it has been very helpful. Ms. Marietti is a first time mom from Michigan and through the program she was able to meet other moms with similar experiences. Through the programs events her one year old son is learning to read and the children are able to take the books home. Ms. Marietti asked the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Sherri Stough – Parent & Member of the Moms and Tots group in Northwest Phoenix – Ms. Stough has a 13 month old son and even though she is an Educator she had a hard time writing a lesson plan. The Parents as Partners Early Literacy program provided her with a lesson plan which has been very successful especially helping educate her on the types of foods she can make for her child. Ms. Stough asked the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Laura Hauns – Parent – Mrs. Hauns shared that she has a Master’s Degree and is a Microbiologist and even though she is educated she still felt that she needed help with her children. Mrs. Hauns appreciates the lesson plan that is provided by the Parents as Partners Literacy program. Other programs available care to a certain financial need and her family does not qualify for those programs. The Parents as Partners Literacy Program does not discriminate regardless of what families make financially. The program is very diverse, has all kinds of children from different backgrounds and Mrs. Hauns appreciates that her children are exposed to that. Mrs. Hauns asked the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Jessica Marquis – Parent – Ms. Marquis has a 7 month old daughter and is new to the Parents as Partners Literacy program. Ms. Marquis mentioned that she drives 45 minutes once a month to get to the events and it is worth the drive. Her husband is a Public School Teacher and she is a stay at home mom. Financially they are not able to afford to attend other programs. There are families with four children attending the Parents as Partners Early Literacy programs and it is a wonderful venue for them to participate and gives moms something to work with. They also distribute calendars and keep the children engaged in the process. Ms. Marquis encouraged the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Ruben Dimas – Parent – Mr. Dimas thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and shared the importance of the Parents as Partners Early Literacy program. After watching how much his son enjoyed himself, Mr. Dimas made a decision to take one day off of work a month to attend the program with his son. Mr. Dimas shared that his son has limited physical ability and the Parents as Partners Early Literacy helps him to develop and he is interested in learning. This also gives Mr. Dimas an opportunity to bond with his son. It would be a tremendous tragedy to many families and children if this program ceased. Mr. Dimas asked the Northwest Council to see the true value of the program and consider refunding it.

Shawntel LeBleu Dimas – Parent – Mrs. Dimas shared that she wanted to respectfully address the importance of the Parents as Partners Early Literacy program. The program is well organized and they truly have the needs of the children in mind. Mrs. Dimas talked about some of her experiences with the program and shared that her son has a rare neuromuscular disease as well as respiratory and immune system issues. Although his disability qualifies him for developmental preschool he is unable to attend due to the high risk of illness. The Literacy events are a more controlled environment than preschool and Mrs. Dimas and her husband are able to attend with their son. Mrs. Dimas shared that she and her family have received an overwhelming amount of support from those who help coordinate the program and the activities have helped her son with his motor skills. Mrs. Dimas expressed how much the program means to she and her family and asked the Northwest Council to consider refunding the program.

Addressing this Agenda Item - Call to the Public concerning the SWI Parents as Partners Literacy Program Strategy – Council Member Radoccia requested that this item be put on the next meeting agenda for open discussion.

**Review and Approval of February 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes:**

Council Member Morales made a motion to approve the February 15, meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

**Community Outreach Update:**

Community Outreach Coordinator Rabago-Mussi provided Council with a copy of the February 7, 2013 – March 7, 2013 Community Outreach Coordinator Report.

- Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:
- Shared a success story on how Community Outreach and Awareness is moving forward. Ms. Rabago-Mussi received a call from a mom and her group with about 35 active members. The mom was a former kindergarten teacher who was asked to do a presentation about kindergarten readiness. She asked for information and materials from First Things First to share with the group. Ms. Rabago-Mussi will be meeting with her to provide materials to support her efforts.
- Thanked Council for continuing to submit ideas and suggestions for Community and Outreach Awareness and provided Council with a Community Outreach and Awareness Suggestion sheet.
- Presentation: First Things First Welcome addresses at West Valley Grandfamilies Conference, also First Things First materials were distributed to attendees.
- Thanked Council Member Annette Johnson for attending the tour of grantee partner Maricopa County Office of Oral Health's First Teeth Program.

**Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Funding Plan:**

**a. Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships, and Childcare Health Consultation**

Chair Dr. Pischke tabled this agenda item due to the State Board has made a decision to approve everything at one time possibly in May 2013 and Council is waiting on more information on some of the centers.

**b. Quality First, Quality First Scholarships, and Childcare Health Consultation:**

Chair Dr. Pischke tabled this agenda item until the next meeting due to the State Board has made a decision to approve everything at one time possibly in May 2013 and Council is waiting on more information on some of the centers.

**Discussion and Possible Action of March 8, 2013 Council-Board Roundtable:**

Chair Dr. Pischke updated Council on the March 8, 2013 Council-Board Roundtable meeting. In attendance were Council Members from the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa Regions along with First Things First, CEO Rhian Allvin and Board Members Nadine Mathis Basha and Janice Decker. Councils had an opportunity to have open discussions and received great answers. There were concerns raised from both councils and each council highlighted what each region does. Councils addressed quality first and the increases in cost and the fact that there is a waiting list. Councils discussed the current funding formula that was waited on the need but didn't seem to address the assets of the community. There was discussion about how the First Things First Board is interacting with the governor's office and the legislature. The Board mentioned that at the June Board meeting there will be more updates on the quality first model. They are looking at the possibility of removing centers if there is no improvement and backing off some of the supports given for the 3, 4 and 5 star centers. They talked about differentiating coaching based on a five star center and buy in options for ratings only and businesses sponsoring a center. First Things First is looking at many different options and as the ratings start coming in they are getting a great deal of data of where people are and what the needs are to continue improving.

Vice Chair Contrades pointed out that some of the biggest concerns regarding quality first models related to how do you continue to sustain the efforts of First Things First financially. They are looking at expanding the idea of private public partnerships through some policy concepts. Specifically the idea of what is going on in Arizona compared to cost wise in other states. Vice Chair Contrades found it interesting to hear about things that are happening in the Southwest

Maricopa Region and some of their stories and issues. One example was the issue of what is the definition of a rural community.

Council Member Vescio mentioned that it is very encouraging that they are having these conversations and working towards some solutions. The Board seemed to be pleased about how much the regions are coordinating. They pointed out how efficient it is and they talked about getting other councils to coordinate.

Council Member Johnson - The Southwest Region talked about their far reaching rural communities, there not being enough services out there and how they define it as a frontier community.

Council Member Radoccia directed staff to send a "Thank You Note" to First Things First State Board Members, Nadine Mathis Basha, Janice Decker and CEO, Rhian Allvin thanking them for the Roundtable meetings and to mention what a great opportunity it was for Councils to have the meetings and they would like to continue meeting.

### **Discussion on System Building:**

Regional Director Lyons updated Council on the process of system building and mentioned that Council is moving in the right direction. Director Lyons provided some slides and talked about the First Things First Vision and Mission. Director Lyons identified Councils priorities, addressed the priorities and goals and provided Council with a list of the strategies under the goal areas from Quality Access, Health, Family Support and Coordination and Communication. Director Lyons talked about the indicators that Council has chosen to move with their efforts. Council was presented with various questions and asked for feedback on what direction they would like to go when it comes to System Building.

Director Lyons asked Council the question of what has Council accomplished around system building to date? Council discussed and gave feedback on their accomplishments. The list of accomplishments was as follows:

- Service Providers working together to reach similar audiences and piggybacking with other state funded agencies that are not funded with First Things First. Coordination and communication.
- Awareness and increased knowledge of assets in the community and coordination.
- Cooperation knowledge breaking down some of the silos.
- The school district verses private child care conversations and the doors that have opened up. Breaking down schools and private communication, focusing on the child not the program.
- Cross referrals.
- Leveraging dollars.
- Raising awareness of the importance of Early Childhood.
- Breaking down barriers.
- Bringing nontraditional partners to the table.
- Networking and working together to make common goals.
- Shared knowledge, resources and information.
- Working on raising standards.
- Increased importance of quality and disregard for quality.

The following questions on the topic of System Building were presented to Council for their feedback:

Besides the Council, who else is funding early childhood programs in the Northwest Maricopa Region and has any level of partnering occurred with the identified funders?

How has the Council worked or interacted with their Regional Service providers out in the Community?

Who needs to be brought to the table in order for the Council to establish a successful childhood system?

What barriers and gaps exist that hinder system building in the Northwest Maricopa Region?

Council discussed each question and provided feedback on all questions and topics presented. Regional Director Lyons wrote down a list of all the feedback and will put in a readable format for Council to review and discuss at the next Council meeting. Information will go back to the First Things First Board around July/August 2013.

*Please note: Council Member Vescio left the room at 10:15 a.m. Member Vescio returned at 10:17 a.m.*

*Please note: Council Member Morales left the room at 10:17 a.m. Member Morales returned at 10:21 a.m.*

*Please note: Council Member Radoccia left the room at 10:18 a.m. Member Radoccia returned at 10:22 a.m.*

*Please note: Council Member Flowers left the room at 10:25 a.m. Member Flowers returned at 10:28 a.m.*

*Please note: Council Member Brengi left the room at 10:40 a.m. Member Brengi returned at 10:43 a.m.*

*Chair Dr. Pischke adjourned Council Meeting for a short recess at approximately 10:40 a.m.*

*Chair Dr. Pischke reconvened the Council Meeting at 10:45 a.m.*

#### **Director's Update:**

##### **a. Maricopa Benchmarking Boundary Taskforce**

Regional Director Lyons – Every Region has identified their School Readiness Indicators and when looking at Indicators for Maricopa County they found many similarities. All Regions picked similar indicators and picked their three favorites. A Task Force is being put together to have discussion amongst all of the Councils in Maricopa County to determine and pick a goal from these indicators. Volunteers are needed to join this Task Force. Details of meeting dates and times have not yet been determined.

Council Member Radoccia volunteered to represent the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council and will bring recommendations back to Council. Regional Director Lyons will provide Council with a draft of the School Readiness Indicators at the next meeting.

##### **b. Update on Regional Boundary Taskforce**

Regional Director Lyons – The First Things First Regional Boundary Taskforce met and were provided with some recommendations for consideration. They have chosen to put the recommendation out for public comment prior to making their decision. The recommendation is for Maricopa County to shift from 8 Regional Partnership Councils to 6 Regional Partnership Councils.

Vice Chair Contrades – The Regional Boundary Taskforce is looking at it from the standpoint of the whole district. There was discussion about the condensing of regions and some concerns and questions raised were what is going to be the actual impact. There are guiding principles to keep in mind such as school boundaries. They talked about recommendations moving forward and how would this impact quality centers and regions. There is a lot of data being looked at and is now a question for public comment.

Regional Director Lyons – They are looking at doing this two ways, one is through a survey and Council will be receiving the survey. Regional Director Lyons encouraged Council to complete the survey. Recommendations go to the First Things First Board to be effective in 2015. Public meetings will be held in Phoenix and the East Valley on April 16, 2013. Regional Director Lyons will email the meeting invitation to all Council members.

**c. Quality First Star Rating Launch**

Regional Director Lyons – The Quality First Rating website launch website has been moved to August 2013. Outreach for earned media will also begin in August 2013.

**d. First Things First 2013 Summit**

Regional Director Lyons – Save the Date for the Summit. A flyer was included in the meeting packet with Summit information. Details on registration have not yet been determined but once more information is provided, Administrative Assistant Gandara will send out an email.

**Council Member Updates and Announcements:**

Vice Chair Contrades informed Council that NBC's Education Nation has done a National campaign to focus on educational issues. They are coming to Phoenix, Arizona in May to bring to the spotlight on educational issues. It will be a Town Hall concept, keep an eye out for information to follow. The Valley Youth Theatre is having an Arizona Musical Premiere called "They Chose Me" beginning April 5 thru 21, 2013. This is a Youth Theatre and the play is about adoption and foster care through the eyes of children and some of the kids in the show are adopted. Vice Chair Contrades's daughter will be cast in the play and flyers were provided with information.

Chair Dr. Pischke – Chair Dr. Pischke was asked to serve on a Board Committee of collaboration between First Things First and the Department of Education to work on the kindergarten development inventory. The first meeting is on March 28, 2013 and more information will be provided at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Dr. Pischke adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.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

March 12, 2013 – April 12, 2013

## **Media:**

- Arizona Republic - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren article ran April 8 in Valley & State
- Series of 6 articles on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ran March 28-29 in Northwest Valley Newspapers, which includes Daily News-Sun, Surprise Today, Glendale/Peoria Today

## **Summary of recent Outreach Activities:**

### Events/Networking meetings/Presentations:

- ✓ SNACK Family Fun Day in Glendale (Distributed Parent Resource Guides, magnet boards, dental kits)
- ✓ “Early Childhood Everyday” training
- ✓ Presentations to parent meetings (about 20 attendees) at Burton Head Start and Lamar Head Start, both in Glendale
- ✓ Presentation to Peoria Unified School District March 28 Governing Board meeting  
(link to watch online recording : <http://new.livestream.com/PUSDLiveBeta/GoverningBoard> FTF presentation begins at about 1:09 hour mark)
- ✓ Property Owners and Residents Association Sun City, Glendale Kachina Rotary Club, Sun City Rotary Club

## **Upcoming Outreach Opportunities**

*If you are interested in any of the opportunities below, please let us know!*

- First Things First Children’s Book distribution project – in May, we plan to partner with local libraries to distribute about 500 free books to children ages birth to 5. Dates to help with labeling books in conjunction with local Rotary Clubs and delivering to libraries to be determined.
- FTF Speakers Series Training, Part 1: Early Childhood, Everyday; from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7 at West-Mec. Seats are limited, please RSVP to Angela.

Angela Mussi, [amussi@azftf.gov](mailto:amussi@azftf.gov)  
Angel Aguirre, [adm-aaguirre@azftf.gov](mailto:adm-aaguirre@azftf.gov)

**ff** Society seems to think that if you were successful as a parent, then you wouldn't be raising your grandkids. I think that we fear that judgment."

**DIANE DEMPSEY**, grandparent who is co-raising her three grandchildren with her daughter



Maureen Evans helps tidy her grandson, 2-year-old Anthony Evans. Anthony, like a growing number of Arizona children, is being raised primarily by his grandparents. Maureen stepped in to raise Anthony after her son, Anthony's father, died. MARK HENLE/THE REPUBLIC

## 2ND TIME AROUND

More help available for grandparents raising grandkids

By Eddi Trevizo  
The Republic | azcentral.com

At the age of 52, Sherry Griffin is a mother again, but this time it's for her four grandchildren.

Visits to the doctor, clothes, extra groceries, day care, toys,

cribs, new beds and supplies for school fill her days and have drained her savings.

"We no longer have extra income. We're going to work until we die," Griffin said, adding she and her husband may never be able to retire.

First Things First, an early-

development program for children 5 years old and younger, wants to help stressed Arizona grandparents, like Griffin, who raise young children. They provide local parenting workshops, legal and financial resources

See **GRANDPARENTS**, Page B2

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To read the rest of the article, please visit [azcentral.com](http://azcentral.com)

### [Tax aids assistance program for grandparents](#)

By Tina Gamez, DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Northwest Valley is outpacing the rest of Maricopa County in the number of grandparents raising their grandchildren.

The average number of children being raised by their grandparents in the Northwest Valley is 13.4 percent compared to Maricopa County as a whole, which is 12.5 percent, according to Angela Mussi, Parent Awareness & Community Outreach coordinator with the state program, First Things First.

First Things First, a state-funded program overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2010, raises funds with an 80-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes, and focuses on early childhood development and health because the first five years of a child's life are the most important in a child's development.

The strategy of the program is to provide the family unit with the best tools needed to raise young children in the best way they know how.

Mussi said her program is partnering with the Benevilla Family Resource Center Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program because "we know that parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teacher."

The grandchildren are probably facing some kind of behavioral issues, some grieving, "just lots of issues," said Aleena Erickson, manager of the Benevilla center and program. "That's why First Things First thought that it was important to offer services for grandparents to help them through this."

First Things First has volunteer councils throughout the state, divided into 31 different regions. The Northwest Region Council, which includes the Northwest Valley, commissioned a study to see what the needs in this part of the Valley are and the assets available.

The 2012 council study found an increasing number of grandparents raising grandchildren. "When the council saw that, they wanted to create a strategy specifically targeting grandparents raising grandchildren to provide them the support they need," said Mussi. "This is a totally new strategy."

Funding decisions are made by the nine-member local volunteer council composed of businesses, educators and health representatives.

Mussi said there is an opening for someone in the philanthropy community. If interested in more information or applying, visit [www.azftf.gov](http://www.azftf.gov).

- For more information on the services available at Benevilla, located at 16752 N. Greasewood St., Surprise, call 623-584-4999 or visit [www.benevilla.org](http://www.benevilla.org).

*To read all the articles in the 6-part series, please visit [YourWestValley.com](http://YourWestValley.com) and search for "grandparents".*



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## ATTACHMENT 3

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

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**SFY2014 Funding Plan Implementation Document**

## Northwest Maricopa - Funding Plan Summary

Allocations and Funding Sources	SYF2014	SYF2014	SFY2015 estimates	
FY Allocation	\$10,288,819	\$10,288,819	\$10,324,546	
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$4,317,215	\$4,317,215	\$2,832,834	
<b>Total Regional Council Funds Available</b>	<b>\$14,606,034</b>	<b>\$14,606,034</b>	<b>\$13,157,380</b>	
Strategies	Approved Allotment	Proposed Changes	Proposed Allotment	Notes
Quality First	\$1,117,565	\$1,194,441	\$1,308,741	Purchase 2 addition Quality First Full Participation slots and 5 additional Quality First Rating Only slots in SFY14
Scholarships TEACH	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	
Child Care Health Consultation	\$171,234	\$176,271	\$176,271	Cost associated with 2 additional Quality First Full Participation slots
Quality First Child Care Scholarships	\$3,569,728	\$4,201,910	\$4,329,739	Purchase 73 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	\$492,000	\$492,000	\$492,000	
Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships	\$2,133,912	\$1,446,720	\$1,808,400	Purchase 200 Pre-K scholarships in SFY14 - Purchase 250 Pre-K scholarships in SFY15
Nut/Obesity/Phys Act	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$600,000	
Oral Health	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	
Scholarships non-TEACH	\$45,945	\$45,945	\$45,945	
Recruitment into Field	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$280,000	
Home Visitation	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Family Resource Centers	\$725,000	\$725,000	\$725,000	
Parent Education	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	
Food Security	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Service Coordination	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
Community Awareness	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
Community Outreach	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$77,000	
Media	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Needs and Assets				
Statewide Evaluation	\$673,913	\$673,913	\$752,413	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,746,297</b>	<b>\$11,773,200</b>	<b>\$12,405,509</b>	
<b>Total Unallotted</b>	<b>\$2,859,737</b>	<b>\$2,832,834</b>	<b>\$751,871</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 5 FP Sites will be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
- 6 RO Sites will not be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
  - 2 sites in lower income zip codes and could be eligible in SFY15
  - 1 site is in moderate income zip code and could be eligible in SFY15
  - 3 sites will most probably not be eligible in SFY15
- 6 FP Sites not eligible for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships
  - 6 Schools
  - 2 Center

**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 – to sustain current levels:**

- Move the 3 RO sites that could be eligible in SFY15 for Scholarships into FP
  - Provide these sites with waivers, as needed, to sustain current scholarship allotments.
- 6 FP Sites not eligible
  - Provide all current Pre-Kindergarten scholarship sites with waivers, as needed, to sustain current scholarship allotments.

**Proposed SFY 2014 Funding Plan Changes**

- Add 2 Quality First Full Participation slots and 5 RO slots
- Purchase 73 FT Quality First Scholarships
- Reduce Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships to 200 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 250

<b>Current:</b>	<b>Proposed:</b>
58 Quality First Full Participation (FP) Centers / 10 Quality First Full Participation Homes	60 Quality First Full Participation Centers / 10 Quality First Full Participation Homes
25 Quality First Rating Only Sites (RO)	30 Quality First Rating Only Sites
508 Quality First Scholarships	598 Quality First Scholarships
295 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships	200 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships



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## ATTACHMENT 4

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**2014 Grantee Renewal Matrix**

## Northwest Maricopa Grantee Renewal Matrix- 2014

### Recruitment into Field Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
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GRA-RC008-12-0461-01-Y2	Peoria Unified School District	07/01/2012-06/30/2013	12	\$240,000.00	\$7,467.00	7.5%	No	-22.5%	\$240,000.00	Yes		
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The Peoria Unified School District has a vision statement of "Every Student, Every Day, Prepared to Meet Tomorrow." There is little doubt that the most important thing a district can provide the students they serve is a comprehensive education that includes not only academic knowledge, but interpersonal, social and career skills as well. Future success in all endeavors in life is directly related to the solid foundation build in the Early Childhood Education years. To that end, the Peoria district provides rigorous academic programs supported by Guidance Department services aligned with the American School Counselors Association National Model which includes a comprehensive K-12 Career Development Program (mylife) and outstanding Career and Technical Education Programs. This formula enables graduates to be college and career ready.

The Early Childhood Education program is one of the sixteen national Career Clusters programs provided by the district's Career and Technical Education Department. The Early Childhood Education program is designed to enable students to be prepared to pursue a career in the field upon graduation. All instruction is focused upon students mastering the program standards and earning both dual credits and their Child Development Associate Certification. Specifically, the Early Childhood Education program will provide students with an opportunity to:

- Work in a child-learning center that promotes social, emotional, cognitive and physical development
- Establish an environment for preschoolers and school age children that encourages developmentally appropriate play, exploration and learning
- Demonstrate business skills necessary to operate a successful and financially sound child care center/preschool (legal, operational, human relationships)
- Supervise, guide, and care for children during their learning experiences in art, music, science, math, language development, literature and play
- Create and present developmentally appropriate lessons for children by accessing and organizing information
- Design an effective learning center that meets child care regulations
- Develop employability skills, entry level employment and their child Development Associate Certification

Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (04/01), Peoria Unified School District is compliant with all grant obligations has exceeded target service numbers. However, it should be noted that data reported to date has been submitted with errors. Current year to date is reporting all students in program (2297), actual number of students receiving services through regional funding is 149. Technical assistance will be provided on data reporting to ensure that data reporting errors are addressed.

Peoria is making great strides in improving the rigor of their program. Grantee is working toward facilitating 10 teachers in obtaining their Dual Enrollment Certification, and is working with Glendale Community College and Grand Canyon University to provide students dual enrollment credits. In addition, Peoria is working with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to develop a comprehensive program that ends with CDA certification upon completion.

Modifications approved in SFY 13 included an increase in funding from \$100,000 to \$240,000. Staffing has been consistent, with no staff turnover during the fiscal year. Barriers identified relate to the perceptions around the capacity of the high school students to enter the workforce and the districts "early childhood program" being a program about babysitting. District is working with ADE to develop a plan to assist in increasing the marketability of students once they enter the workforce.

Peoria Unified School District has proposed a modification in SFY 14. Modification is the implementation of the program in one additional high school. Proposed modifications will not change the original scope of work. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will not change. Target service numbers in SFY 14 will remain consistent at 120 participants. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.

### Professional Development

Service Unit	2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of participating professionals	120	1,685	2,297			2,297	1,914.2%	No	1854.2%	120

Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity Strategy										Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board	
Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount				
GRA-MULTI-13-0516-01	Maricopa County Department of Public Health	07/01/2012-06/30/2013	12	\$700,000.00	\$410,214.80	58.6%	Yes	0.0%	\$650,000.00	Yes	Renewal Considerations		
<p>Safety, Nutrition, Activity and Care for Kids (SNACK) works in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Maricopa County to make kids safer, healthier and happier. SNACK is a team of Health Educators, Dietitians, Car Seat Specialists and Resource Coordinators that provide health education and capacity building to families and service providers who care for children ages zero to five. Preventative health services include a healthy lifestyle, injury prevention and access to quality consistent health care. This program's implementation strategies include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Using the train-the-trainer approach to educate staff from childcare centers to implement the Color Me Healthy curriculum targeting obesity prevention through proper nutrition and physical activity in their centers; as well as create and maintain gardens to support healthy eating.</li> <li>2) Conduct education for parents on the proper use and installation of car seats.</li> <li>3) Use the train-the-trainer approach by sponsoring fifteen key NW/SW stakeholders to become NHTSA certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) and distribute car seats to low income families throughout the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa County Regions.</li> <li>4) Resource coordination to aid families in order to connect with appropriate service providers and resources that will increase the health of the family. This will include assistance with enrollment into publicly sponsored health insurance programs, referrals to health care providers, education on well-child visits, immunization clinics and other needed services. This will also integrate families with services at the childcare center for obesity and injury prevention.</li> </ol>										<p>Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Maricopa County Department of Public Health (SNACK Program) is compliant with all grant obligations/requirements. Quarter I and Quarter II data and narrative reporting show that the organization is on track to exceed contracted service numbers in both the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa Regions. For Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity, to date, grantee has served 1036 participating adults in Northwest Maricopa and 329 participating adults in Southwest Maricopa. For Injury Prevention, to date, grantee has served 678 participating adults in Northwest Maricopa and 273 participating adults in Southwest Maricopa.</p> <p>Grantee has implemented a new website to assist Childcare Centers and other service providers in assisting families in finding resources in the West Valley. The new website <a href="http://www.FindHelpPhx.org">www.FindHelpPhx.org</a> and <a href="http://www.EncuentraAyudaPhx.org">www.EncuentraAyudaPhx.org</a> is an easy to use bilingual website with around vetted 1,000 resources that will empower residents of the West Valley find free and low-cost health care and social services. Website has been very well received. In addition, grantee has partnered with the Arizona Department of Health Services and SafeKids Coalition to acquire and distribute child booster seats, in addition to infant car seats, to needy families in the West Valley – will special efforts to reach isolated and rural communities. Finally, grantee is making a special effort to target home care providers/ family/friend/neighbor providers for participation in the “Color Me Health” nutrition/physical activity education program.</p> <p>Staffing has been consistent, with no staff turnover during the fiscal year. No barriers have been identified.</p> <p>There are no significant proposed changes for SFY 14 implementation. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will decrease to \$850,000 (\$600,000 from Northwest and \$250,000 from Southwest). Target service units for SFY 14 will increase in both the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa Regions. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.</p>			
				2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of children served				0	643	210			853				
Number of participating adults				1,800	450	586			1,036	57.6%	Yes	0.0%	
Number of participating adults				900	272	406			678	75.3%	Yes	0.0%	

Health

Oral Health Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
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GRA-MULTI-11-0077-01-Y3  
**Maricopa County Department of Public Health**  
 07/01/2012-06/30/2013  
 12  
 \$400,000.00  
 \$191,497.76  
 47.9%  
 Yes  
 0.0%  
 \$400,000.00

Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health (MCOOH) will partner with Maricopa County Department of Public Health Office (MCOOH) will partner with Maricopa County's WIC and Immunization clinics to provide standardized oral health screenings and fluoride varnish to children through five years of age at three WIC sites and one immunization clinic in First Things First's (FTF) Northwest and Southwest Regions. Written findings will be provided for each child, as well as referrals to dental care providers. Oral health education will also be provided to parents of children services are provided to and pregnant women. The oral screenings, fluoride varnish and one on one parent education will be provided by a registered dental hygienist and a bilingual site assistant. Additional oral health education will be provided by our health educator/outreach specialist at the WIC clinics and community settings.

MCOOH will subcontract with Delta Dental Foundation of Arizona to provide screenings and fluoride varnish to preschool students in two Northwest Maricopa Region school districts.

MCOOH will provide oral health education, dental screenings and fluoride varnish to children age birth to five at Childcare Centers located in both the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa regions.

Yes

Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Maricopa County Department of Public Health (Office of Oral Health) is compliant with all grant obligations/requirements. Implementation is moving forward, all staffing has been hired and trained, and services are being provided. Quarter I and Quarter II data and narrative reporting show that the organization is on track to exceed contracted service numbers by year end. To date service numbers are 5010 children screened / 4791 varnish applications/ 14 professionals served/ 4912 participating adults.

Grantee is currently providing oral health screenings and fluoride varnish application at two WIC clinics and one immunization clinic in the Northwest Maricopa Region. Also, the grantee has partnered with Delta Dental to provide screening and varnish application services in the Peoria Unified School District and Deer Valley Unified School District. Additionally, the grantee is working with the Quality First Program to provide services at child care centers in the Region and has partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs in the Region to host screening events.

Grantee has encountered barriers in implementation at regional child care centers. Parental consent for screenings and varnish application are not being signed and returned. Grantee is working with centers to address the barrier.

Grantee has collaborated with John C. Lincoln Desert Mission Children's Dental Clinic and St. Vincent De Paul Children's Dental Clinics to refer children with urgent and emergent need for low-cost or free dental services.

There are no significant proposed changes for SFY 14 implementation. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will not change. Target service units will change in SFY 14 to align screening numbers to varnish application numbers and services will also be offered to prenatal women. Target service units in SFY 14 are as follows: 6667 children screened/ 6667 varnish applications/ 10 professionals served / 700 participating adults/ 220 prenatal women screened. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.

Service Unit	2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of fluoride varnishes applied	6,667	2,374	2,417			4,791	71.9%	No	11.9%	6,667
Number of participating adults	700	2,263	2,649			4,912	701.7%	No	641.7%	700
Number of participating professionals	5	14	0			14	280.0%	No	220.0%	10
Number of children receiving oral health screenings	3,333	2,408	2,602			5,010	150.3%	No	90.3%	6,667
Number of prenatal women receiving oral health screenings	0	0	0			0				220

Family Support

Family Resource Centers Strategy										Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount			

FTF-RC008-13-0376-03 Sun City Area Interfaith Services, Inc. dba Benevilla 07/01/2012-06/30/2013 12 \$475,000.00 \$234,898.69 49.5% Yes 0.0% \$475,000.00

Bennevilla Family Resource Center provides support for those raising young children, and helps strengthen families so children are prepared for success in school and life. We offer:  
 \* Information and referral, helping link parents/caregivers to service providers through community-based outreach sites;  
 \* Learning opportunities such as parenting classes and community trainings on early childhood and family topics;  
 \* Parenting Lending Library with books and video on parenting and early childhood issues;  
 \* Distribution of School Readiness Kits designed at the 3-4 year old developmental level & Presentations;  
 \* Playgroup facilitation, promoting bonding and combines age appropriate activities, learning and fun;  
 \* Family Events that provide support, socialization and useful child and community resource information  
 \* Family Nights, bringing parents, children and providers together in one location to access essential services and information.

Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Benevilla is compliant with all grant obligations/requirements. Implementation is moving forward and services are being provided throughout the region. Quarter I and Quarter II data and narrative reporting show that the organization is on track to meet contracted service numbers by year end. To date, grantee has provided resource and referral services to 2806 families, health insurance enrolment assistance to 34 families, and has provided parent education to 624 participating adults.

Demand for services has grown exponentially and a barrier that has presented is around capacity. Grantee has outgrown its current location. Grantee is working with community partners to acquire a new location that will meet its needs. Barrier is expected to be overcome by the beginning of the new fiscal year. In addition, grantee has identified a barrier in servicing children with special health care needs. To address this barrier, grantee has proposed purchasing and implementing evidence based curriculum targeting children with special needs in the next fiscal year.

Grantee is continuing to partner with community organizations throughout the region. Current partnerships include the Cities of Surprise, Peoria, El Mirage, Aguila, and Wickenburg; the Dysart, Peoria, Glendale, and Pendergast School Districts; Del E Web Medical Center; Catholic Charities Headstart; Chicanos Por La Cause; Maricopa County Housing Authority; SNACK; Valley of the Sun United Way; Dysart Community Center; and many others.

In SF 14, grantee has proposed the implementation of two new curriculum for parent. One will focus on children with special health care needs, and is an addendum to their current Parent Education curriculum, which is evidence based. The second curriculum promotes healthy eating, physical activity, and living a healthier lifestyle. Curriculum is evidence based and targets Latino families. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will not change. Target service units for SFY 14 will increase from 4400 to 7825, Health Insurance Enrollment service units will increase from 65 to 85, and Parent Education Community Based Training will decrease from 650 to 450. Reduction in Parent Education service unit is a result of reporting clarifications around eligible Parent Education Counts – not a reduction in services. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.

Service Unit	2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of families served	4,465	987	1,819			2,806	62.8%	No	2.8%	7825
Number of participating adults	650	210	414			624	96%	No	36%	450

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
										Renewal Considerations		

GRA-RC008-12-0379-01-Y2      **Glendale Elementary School District #40**      07/01/2012-06/30/2013      12      \$50,000.00      \$14,104.76      28.2%      No      -1.8%      \$99,9732.66

We are proposing to continue developing our Family Resource Center at Bicentennial South, which also has First Things First Preschool Classes. The grant will provide for a Family Advocate to provide information to parents along with literacy lessons for parents and children from ages zero to five. Bicentennial South has portable classrooms accessible by parents with the capacity to have parent classes, children's class and classes together. The new birth through five Parent Advocate will have three main tasks:  
 1) Provide resource and referral information to identify supports and services available to families with young children  
 2) Provide each family with access to information and support in areas of child development and parenting skills.  
 3) Family Resource Centers may also offer parent education classes that provide a Focus on Literacy.

Yes

**Glendale Elementary School District #40**  
 Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Glendale Elementary School District is compliant with all grant obligations and is on target to meet all performance obligations. Grantee has exceeded target service numbers (proposed 120/ served to date 898) in first two quarters of implementation.

The Bi-Ci South Elementary School Family Resource Center has been moving forward with great success. Staff have been promoting services, meeting with community partners, providing resource and referral services, and providing parent education classes. Word of mouth has spread very quickly and class/workshop attendance has grown exponentially. Total attending parent education classes to date 987 (duplicated count).

The greatest success at Bi-Ci South Elementary School Family Resource Center, is the engagement of families. According to the narrative reports submitted, families who have been utilizing the Center for the past two years are now volunteering at the Center and offering to share their knowledge/expertise to assist other families in their community.

Family Resource Center staff has been diligently getting to know the resources in the community and meeting with community partners to discuss potential future collaborations. Collaborations in the work include partnering with: Banner Health Care for referrals and school based clinic services, ASU to provide educational classes, Koegh Foundation for healthy e-application assistance, Rio Salado for educational classes, City of Phoenix for donations to families, City of Glendale for community action referrals, and all of the Northwest Maricopa Grantees.

In SFY 14, the grantee has proposed a second Family Resource Center at Landmark School. Landmark school is in the heart of Glendale in the 85301 zip code. The second Center will model the center at Bi-Ci South and is anticipated to just as successful. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Target service numbers in SFY 14 will increase from 120 to 700 for FRC and from 100 to 325 for Parent Ed. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.

Service Unit	2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of families served	120	385	513			898	748.3%	No	688.3%	700
Number of participating adults	100	351	636			987	987.0%		927.0%	325

Home Visitation Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
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FTF-RC008-13-0374-03  
**Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., dba Parenting Arizona**  
 07/01/2012-06/30/2013  
 12  
 \$500,000.00  
 \$300,953.98  
 60.2%  
 No  
 0.2%  
 \$500,000.00

Parenting Arizona will implement the Parents as Teachers evidence based Home Visitation model program for 225 families with children birth to three years old across the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council. Parent Educators are highly qualified and demonstrate respect for diverse needs and characteristics of families in the regional area. Parents as Teachers Parent Educators work with families through four service delivery components including 1) personal visits which are conducted at least one time per month and more frequently as needed, 2) Group Connections held in a variety of community settings across the regional area, 3) developmental and sensory screening conducted within 90 days of family enrollment and 4) the resource network that connects families to needed resources. Recruitment will be focused on enrolling families prenatally or shortly after the baby's birth and on high risk families. Program outcomes to be measured include increased parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices, early detection of developmental delays and health issues and increasing children's school readiness and school success.

Yes

Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Chicanos Por La Causa Parenting Arizona is compliant with all grant obligations/requirements. Implementation is moving forward, all staffing has been hired and trained, and services are being provided. Quarter I and Quarter II data and narrative reporting show that the organization is on track to meet contracted service numbers by year end.

Grantee has encountered barriers in recruiting families in the rural communities of the region. To address this, grantee has partnered with the Wickenburg Library to host a weekly Parent Child Interactive Class at the Library. In addition, grantee has hired a full time staff to recruit and provide services to the communities of Morristown, Wittmann, Wickenburg and Aguila.

Grantee has collaborated with a diverse group of health providers, city governments, school districts, ASU, and family support service providers. Through these collaborations the grantee has been able to increase opportunities for enrolled families. Such opportunities have included provision of holiday food boxes and gifts, ability to participate in adopt a family holiday program, donations to take children Christmas shopping, free car seats and placement education, free visits and produce for families to Tolmachoff Farms, a Halloween Social, and many others.

There are no significant proposed changes for SFY 14 implementation. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will not change. Target service units for SFY 14 will remain consistent at 250 families served. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.

Service Unit	2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of families served	250	95	139			139	55.6%	Yes	0.0%	250

Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board	
										Renewal Considerations			
FTF-MULTI-13-0379-02	Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services	07/01/2012-06/30/2013	12	\$200,000.00	\$95,273.40	47.6%	Yes	0.0%	\$200,000.00	Yes			
<p>Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS) parenting and pregnancy support program model combines six inter-related research supported strategies (Case management, prenatal health education, mentoring through visitation, peer support, father/family involvement, and parenting education) to enable pregnant and parenting adolescents ages 12-21, and their families to build on their own strengths and capacities to promote healthy development of their children, ages 0-5. The core services that will be addressed include: all domains of child development, Natural support for families/peer support; Health related issues; and Child/Family literacy.</p> <p>While providing these core services through the implementation of the six strategies, teen parents will improve health practices during pregnancy; increase physical and emotional well-being as parents prepare to deliver and care for their child; and increase their knowledge concerning the immediate health and safety needs of their unborn baby and during the early development of their child. As a result of these six strategies the teen's baby will have a high probability of being born full term, weigh greater than 5.5 pounds at delivery, appropriately achieve developmental milestones, and receive timely well baby care including scheduled immunizations.</p>										<p>Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services is compliant with all grant obligations/requirements. Implementation is moving forward and services are being provided. Quarter I and Quarter II data and narrative reporting show that the organization has already exceeded contracted service number in both the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa Regions. To date, grantee has served 260 participating adults in Northwest Maricopa and 123 participating adults in Southwest Maricopa.</p> <p>A barrier identified by the grantee is the hiring of a part-time Fatherhood Facilitator. Grantee is having difficulty finding the right fit to ensure this program starts off on the right foot. Grantee will continue efforts to recruit an appropriate Fatherhood Facilitator.</p> <p>There are no significant proposed changes for SFY 14 implementation. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will not change. Target service units for SFY 14 will increase. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.</p>			
Service Unit				2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of participating adults				230	154	106			260	113.0%	No	53.0%	
Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2013 Award	FY 2013 Expenditures YTD	FY 2013 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Council	Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board	
										Renewal Considerations			
FTF-MULTI-13-0383-01	Sun City Area Interfaith Services, Inc. dba Benevilla	07/01/2012-06/30/2013	12	\$100,000.00	\$55,957.36	56.0%	Yes	0.0%	100,000.00	Yes			
<p>Benevilla, in collaboration with Duet, will develop and expand a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program with the goal of 340 GRGs attending education sessions by the end of the grant period: 200 grandparents in the Northwest Region and 140 in the Southwest Region. The proposed GRG Program includes strategies to support grandfamilies by providing: 1.Support Groups, 2.Parent Education Sessions, 3. Community Resource Awareness, 4.Grandfamily Conference and 5. Family Activities.</p> <p>Benevilla will be responsible for managing the grant and funds, reporting to FTF, and for serving 200 grandparents in the Northwest Valley. Benevilla will subgrant Duet to provide service for 140 grandparents in the Southwest Valley and to support the development of new groups. The BFRC manager will be responsible for overseeing all grant activities and budget. Both agencies will utilize a percentage of current staff and both hire staff dedicated to the project.</p>										<p>Based on data and narrative reports submitted to date (01/13), Benevilla is compliant with all grant obligations/requirements. Implementation is moving forward and services are being provided throughout the Northwest and Southwest Maricopa regions. Quarter I and Quarter II data and narrative reporting show that the organization is not on track to meet target service units. Discussions with grantee reveal that the low numbers are due to start-up time in first quarter when classes were not implement and newness of program and need to get the word out. Per grantee, participation has increased significantly in the last quarter and they do believe that they will reach target service number by the end of the fiscal year . To date, grantee has served 30 participating adult in Northwest Maricopa and 12 participating adults in Southwest Maricopa.</p> <p>Barriers identified by grantee relate to marketing and recruitment of Grandparents raising young children. Grantee is working with organization's leadership team to develop a marketing campaign to be implemented in third quarter. In addition, grantee is aggressively meeting with other community organization's service target population to introduce program and solicit referrals.</p> <p>Grantee proposes to modify contract SFY 14 by implementation an in-home parent education component. Grantee has identified a need for services to home bound seniors and is planning to purchase a supplement to its current curriculum specifically designed for in-home parent education. The model is evidence based and does adhere to the standards of practice. Total funding level for the SFY 14 will not change. Target service units for SFY 14 will increase to 250 participating adults in Northwest Maricopa and 155 participating adults in Southwest Maricopa. First Things First staff recommends renewal of this grantee.</p>			
Service Unit				2013 Contracted Units	2013 Q1 Actuals**	2013 Q2 Actuals**	2013 Q3 Actuals**	2013 Q4 Actuals**	Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2014 Proposed Contracted Units
Number of participating adults				200	10	20			30	15.0%	No	-15.0%	250



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## ATTACHMENT 5

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board  
Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council  
2014 Grantee Agreement Summary – St. Mary’s Food Bank**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils -  
Grant Agreement Summary  
Food Security Strategy**

**Regional Partnership Council and Board approved:**

\$100,000 over one year for the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils – Food Security Strategy.

**Grant Agreement between First Things First – Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council and:**

St. Mary's Food Bank

Contract # GRA-RC008-14-0618-01

**Target Service Units / audience:**

25,000 Emergency Food Boxes Distributed / Distribution to families with children ages 0-5 living at or below 185% of the federal poverty level

**Grant Cycle:**

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

**Program Summary/Overview:**

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance will work with local food banks and food pantries for the distribution of 25,000 emergency food boxes.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program makes available a three day supply of nutritionally balanced food for families in need. The goal is to help promote the development and growth of the children in these families. At this critical stage of development, it is imperative that children have nutritious food to ensure proper growth, good health and brain development.

The Food Bank will distribute food boxes that include specific core items and are nutritionally balanced. Donated produce and other food items are added as well. Food boxes contain perishable and nonperishable food and are distributed immediately so that all the items are as fresh as possible.

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance works with local partner agencies in the Northwest Maricopa Region to distribute food to those in need. This approach provides a local strategy to address food insecurity among families with young children. The distribution sites make it is easier for clients to get the food necessary to feed their families. This is particularly true in areas where clients must drive many miles to reach areas where grocery stores are located. These charitable agencies ensure clients are provided resources that lead to empowerment and self-sufficiency.



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## ATTACHMENT 6

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**Announcements**



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**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



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5487 N. 99th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85305

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Early Childhood  
Educators**

Contact: [ProjectNICE@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:ProjectNICE@cals.arizona.edu)

Location: Maricopa County Cooperative Extension, Phoenix



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