

**YAVAPAI REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
RENEWAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

A renewal process was conducted with organizations awarded grants in SFY10 for the following strategies:

- Home Visitation
- Court Teams
- Parent Education Community Based Training

The Renewal Process provided each organization the opportunity to provide information on the implementation of the program for 2011 and included the following:

- Implementation plan for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
- Budget and budget narrative for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
- Submission of the First Things First Renewal Package

Upon review of the information received First Things First staff is presenting the following recommendations for your review and consideration.

Strategy Name	2010 Grant Award	2010 Program Performance	2011 Recommendation	Rationale
Home Visitation	<p>Organization awarded: Yavapai County Community Health Services (FTF-RC022-10-0011-00)</p> <p>Award Amount: \$74,770</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Yavapai County Community Health Services (YCCHS) proposed to establish a new home visiting program within the Yavapai Region (Yavapai County and all of Sedona) that supports biological and resource parents as well as child welfare specialists in their ability to promote the optimal</p>	<p>The grantee established a new home visiting program to provide support and education to resource parents, biological parents and to child welfare professionals. Additionally, the nurse home visitor monitors the overall growth and development of the foster child, providing parents with anticipatory guidance and resources that address the needs of the individual child. The nurse home visitor represents the health and development needs of the child at Child Family Team (CFT) and Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal is recommended (pending minor budget clarification) <p>Renewal Amount: \$101,849</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p> <p>30 infants and toddlers including their resource and/or biological families</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>In SFY2011 the grantee will begin to utilize the Life Skills Progression Tool with biological families. The instrument measures a parent's abilities, behaviors and/or attitudes that are needed to achieve and maintain a healthy and satisfying life. The tool will be used to documents the family's progress toward goals. Additionally, the grantee will purchase and provide age-appropriate board books to biological families and will model reading to very young children. This activity will enhance discussion about the importance of early learning and brain development.</p> <p>There is little data available to evaluate performance however, staff were recruited, hired and trained and services were implemented with a target service number of 30 infants and toddlers.</p>

	<p>health and development of young children, aged birth to three, who reside in foster care. A nurse home visitor will conduct regular home visits to resource parents and biological parents to observe and assess the very young child in their natural environments. The nurse home visitor will be a resource for information related to the health and development of young children, environmental safety, and community resources for those working within the child welfare system on behalf of the child.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 30 infants/toddlers plus their resource families and their biological families</p>			<p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will request salary amounts to verify budget calculations.
<p>Home Visitation</p>	<p>Organization awarded: Yavapai Regional Medical Center (FTF-RC022-09-0094-01)</p> <p>Award Amount \$378,609</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Healthy Families (HF) is a secondary child abuse prevention program patterned after the Healthy Start program in Hawaii and follows the national HF America model.</p>	<p>Grantee has provided the evidence-based Healthy Families home visiting program to families in western Yavapai County. Healthy Families is a free and voluntary program whose purpose is to identify and provide emotional support and education to parents at risk of child abuse and neglect for up to five years from the birth of their baby.</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal is recommended (pending minor budget clarifications) <p>Renewal Amount: \$389,907</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p>	<p>Rationale: At the direction of First Things First, the grantee has included costs associated with accreditation in the FY2011 budget. In order to do this, the grantee moved some operating costs to another funder. The grantee notes that they picked up these additional costs without changing service levels or requesting additional FTF support.</p> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will obtain the number of families to be served in FY2011. • Request a revised Line-item Budget and Budget Narrative reflecting the recalculation of the years of service bonus for the Director and Family Assessment Worker

	<p>Program goals are to: prevent child abuse and neglect, promote positive parent-child interaction, and improve child health and development.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 166 families</p>			
<p>Home Visitation</p>	<p>Organization awarded: Arizona’s Children Association – Bright Start (FTF-RC022-09-0095-01)</p> <p>Award Amount: \$147,154</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Bright Start is provided in each participant’s home, whether the infant/child’s caregivers are biological, pre-adoptive, adoptive, kinship families or are resource family homes. A master’s level clinician trains families in the S.T.E.P.S. curriculum and provides in-home support and follow-up for families for a 3-12 month period, depending on the needs of individual families.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 167 families with children birth to 5</p>	<p>Arizona’s Children Association implemented a new in-home family support program called Bright Start. The program focuses on early brain development training and activities. The cornerstone of the program is the S.T.E.P.S. to Early Brain Development curriculum of New Directions Institute. This curriculum targets five critical developmental areas: Security, Touch, Eyes (vision), Plan and Sound. The <i>Brain Box</i>, a set of 12 aged and staged boxes with hands-on learning activities inside, is used to provide stimulating opportunities for adult and child to share activities.</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal is recommended (pending clarifications) <p>Renewal Amount: \$121,173</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p>	<p>Rationale: Based on the trend in their narrative responses, their outreach, recruitment and retention numbers are increasing.</p> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will obtain the number of families to be served in FY2011. • Minor salary miscalculation in budget narrative • Require a breakdown of the food per-diem for the home visitors (required to follow state per-diem rate)

<p>Home Visitation</p>	<p>Organization awarded: Verde Valley Medical Center (FTF-RC022-09-0039-01)</p> <p>Award Amount: \$409,237</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Program will screen target population for being at risk for child abuse and neglect along with identifying developmental needs of the child 0-5; parenting and life skills; infant bonding and attachment; and safety of the child. Programs goal is to increase involvement with male role models by providing education and support groups on child care, safety, literature, and physical activity to support wellness.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 107 families at risk of child abuse and/or neglect</p>	<p>The Verde Valley Medical Center implemented a new home visiting program called Verde Valley Parenting Partnership. The program provides home visits beginning prenatally or shortly after birth. Weekly visits are provided for the first 6 months. Visit frequency transitions to bi-monthly and quarterly as the family gains self-sufficiency. Self-sufficiency is a focus, using a strength-based approach that support family goals, coping and problem solving, stress management, life skills and home management skills. The program utilizes the Growing Great Kids curriculum. Community playgroups decrease social isolation and promote children's interaction with each other.</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal is recommended (pending clarifications) <p>Renewal Amount: \$337,212</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p>	<p>Rationale: Program was initiated in July 2009. Enrollment has grown from 48 to 58 families.</p> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will obtain 2011 target service numbers • The Line-Item Budget and Budget Narrative need to be resubmitted including calculations to verify budget totals. • Clarify the type of incentives (gift cards not allowable) and the type of mandatory training provided for "all" hospital employees. • Clarify what part of program costs are paid for by VVMC • If VVMC support does not come through and staff are cut what impact will that have on service delivery, including data collection? • If the data support person is cut, what impact will it have on data collection? • Attachment E (<i>the Disclosure of Other Funding Sources</i>) is not completed.
<p>Court Teams</p>	<p>Organization awarded: Prevent Child Abuse Arizona – Court Team (FTF-RC022-10-0065-01)</p> <p>Award Amount: \$40,000</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Prevent Child Abuse Arizona will collaborate with service</p>	<p>The Court Team was implemented as proposed. Stakeholders representing both east and west Yavapai region participate in the Court Team through video or phone conferencing. Monthly "Best for Babies Think Tank" meetings are conducted to address system change issues and provide</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal is recommended (pending minor budget and evaluation clarifications) <p>Renewal Amount: \$49,440</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p>	<p>Rationale: Continue to provide administrative support to the Yavapai Court Team, known as "Best for Babies." Services include: Twelve monthly "Best for Babies Think Tank" meetings; Twelve training sessions provided at monthly "Best for Babies" meeting; Four training sessions provided at quarterly "Learning Community" trainings.</p>

	<p>providers in child welfare, mental health, early intervention, child health and Court Appointed Special Advocates to implement successful Court Teams (aka Best for Babies). These East and West Yavapai Best for Babies multidisciplinary teams will identify and implement systems improvements informed by the science of early childhood.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 80 infants and toddlers in foster care</p>	<p>training. A forum for conducting monthly case reviews for Baby CASAs is provided. Quarterly training is provided to stakeholders through “The Learning Community”. Additional technical assistance and training is arranged and provided to attorneys, foster parents and baby CASAs.</p>		<p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will obtain 2011 target service numbers • Clarify Project Coordinator’s use of per diem within region • Evaluation is lacking qualitative component. Will clarify how the grantee will use data to evaluate the quality of services provided and ensure ongoing improvement. (Question 3)
Home Visitation	<p>Organization awarded: Arizona’s Children Association – Parents as Teachers (FTF-RC022-10-0070-02)</p> <p>Award Amount: \$54,050</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Parents as Teachers is an effective international early childhood parent education and family support program with effective curricula that is known as an outstanding evidence-based best practice model. The vision of Parents as Teachers (PAT) is that all children will learn, grow, and</p>	<p>The grantee implemented the evidence-based parenting education program <i>Parents As Teachers</i> in the Verde Valley. The program provides parents with child development knowledge and parenting support. The mission of PAT is to provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.</p> <p>In SFY2010, the Program Supervisor and parent educator attended the Born to Learn Institute, Prenatal to 3 years Training. Services were limited to</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal is recommended (pending minor clarifications) <p>Renewal Amount: \$64,227</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p>	<p>Rationale: Grantee proposes to expand <i>Parents as Teachers</i> to serve families with children, birth to 5 years of age. This expansion will require that staff attend a 2-day training, Born to Learn Institute – 3 years to Kindergarten Entry, provided by the National Center for Parents as Teachers</p> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will obtain 2011 target service numbers • Clarify parent educator’s per diem expenditures

	<p>develop to realize their full potential, with the mission of providing the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life. PAT is based on the principle that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 40 families with children 0-5</p>	<p>families with children, birth to 3 years of age.</p> <p>The following core services were implemented: home visits, parent group meetings, screening and resource network.</p>		
<p>Parent Education Community Based Training</p>	<p>Organization awarded: Youth Count (FTF-RC022-10-0070-03)</p> <p>Award Amount: \$122,800</p> <p>Brief Program Description: Acting as the fiscal agent, Youth Count is submitting a joint grant application on behalf of Parenting Education Coalition members, Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center (FEC), Parent Education Workshop Project, Prescott Unified School District, the Adults and Children Together Against Violence (ACT) Parents Raising Safe Kids, and Parenting Arizona. These organizations will join efforts in order to implement</p>	<p>The Grantee coordinated the delivery of parenting education programs among three sub-grantees. These sub-grantees are: Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center (FEC), Prescott Unified School District (PUSD), and Adult and Children Together Against Violence (ACT). The grantees have provided stand alone, topic-specific parent education workshops, parenting education training sessions utilizing the Love and Logic and Common Sense Parenting Curriculum, as well as Adult and Children Together Against Violence in English and Spanish and for Dads in communities throughout the Yavapai Region.</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal is recommended (pending minor clarifications) <p>Renewal Amount: \$162,096</p> <p>2011 Target Service Numbers:</p>	<p>Rationale: The grantee has exceeded the number of training sessions originally targeted and has provided Love and Logic facilitator training to the Yavapai-Apache Nation.</p> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will obtain 2011 target service numbers

	<p>programs that will improve the school readiness, health and development of at risk children birth to five years, across Yavapai County. Parent educators will provide curriculum based parent education addressing parenting skills, parent child interactions, child development and community resources. The monthly topic specific workshops will focus on the needs of children birth through five and their parents.</p> <p>2010 Target Service Numbers: 750 families with children 0-5</p>			
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